1938

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of NEBRASKA

of the

United Lutheran Church in America

The 66th Annual Convention

HELD IN SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
Fremont, Nebraska
THE REV. F. C. WIEGMAN, PASTOR
FREMONT, NEBRASKA

June 1-2, 1938

DIRECTORY

OFFICERS

President (1937-1940)—Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., 1210 N. Park Ave., Fremont.

Vice-President (1938-1939)—Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., 503 W. 2nd, Grand Island.

Secretary (1938-1939)—Rev. T. D. Rinde, 540 W. Military Ave., Fremont.

Treasurer (1938-1939)—Mr. F. E. Wood, 736 E. Military Ave., Fremont.

Statistician (1938-1939)—Rev. W. H. Saas, 214 N. 9th St., Beatrice.

Historian (1938-1939)—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D., LL. D., Litt. D., 458 Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive

The President of Synod.....1937-40
The Secretary of Synod.....1938-39
Mr. O. E. Schellberg, 6013 Florence Blvd., Omaha.....1936-39
Rev. F. C. Wiegman, 325 E. 10th St., Fremont.....1937-40
Mr. Gus Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood, Lincoln.....1937-40
Rev. W. H. Traub, 2602 Farnam, Omaha.....1938-41
Mr. Albert Hedelund, 434 Grain Exchange Bldg., Omaha.....1938-41

Examining

Rev. W. A. Voss.....1936-39 Rev. A. W. Young.....1936-39
Rev. C. P. Tranberg.....1937-40 Rev. G. Gieschen.....1937-40
Rev. H. Dumler.....1938-41 Rev. H. A. Teckhaus.....1938-41
Rev. R. V. Davis.....1938-41

Ministerial Education

Rev C. B. Harman Rev. E. C. Mortensen Rev. H. C. Cordts
Rev. W. C. Heidenreich Rev. A. W. Young

Missionary

Rev. J. C. Hershey and Rev. T. D. Rinde, ex-officio
Rev. W. A. Voss Rev. A. H. Pinkall Rev. P. W. H. Frederick
Mr. Albert Hedelund Mr. Ralph Lohrberg Mr. Otto Nelson

New Congregations and Pastoral Charges

Rev. P. W. H. Frederick..1936-39
Rev. W. H. Saas.....1937-40 Rev. W. A. Klink.....1938-41

Parish Education

Rev. W. H. Saas (Con.)..1937-40 Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.....1937-39
Rev. C. H. B. Lewis.....1937-40 Rev. C. H. Berhenke.....1937-39
Mrs. Geo. H. Haase.....1938-41 Mr. E. G. Miller.....1938-41

Protocol

Rev. G. P. Krebs Rev. W. W. Alexander Rev. F. L. Cress

Reference and Counsel

Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. G. B. Weaver Rev. W. C. Heidenreich

State of the Church

Rev. W. T. Kahse Rev. R. V. Davis Rev. E. H. Gilmer
Rev. E. F. Rohlfing Rev. J. S. Rhine

Stewardship

Rev. E. C. Mortensen Rev. L. H. de Freese
Mr. T. L. Frank Mr. F. E. Wood Mr. L. B. Elseffer

Synodical Paper

President of Synod and Conference Presidents.

Trustees of Midland College

Rev. E. C. Mortensen....1936-39 Mr. Charles Betke.....1936-39
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Rev. R. E. Rangeler.....1937-39 Mr. Wm. Tegtmeyer.....1937-39

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Adjudication

Rev. W. H. Traub Rev. F. C. Wiegman Mr. Gus Prestegaard

Church Music

Rev. G. Gieschen Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. S. Frederick
Prof. Oscar Lyders

Election Chairman

Rev. E. N. Haugse

Evangelism

Rev. G. K. Rubrecht Rev. C. M. N. Alexander Rev. V. Baird
Rev. F. L. Cress

Foreign Missions

Rev. A. H. Pinkall Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt Rev. H. Joens
Rev. E. A. Dorner Mr. Ralph Lohrberg

Inner Missions

Rev. W. A. Klink Rev. J. C. Miller Rev. W. J. Chittenden
Rev. M. B. Simon Mr. H. Fahrenbruch

Inter-Synodical Joint Committee on Missions

Rev. J. C. Hershey Rev. T. D. Rinde Mr. Otto Nelson

Merger Committee

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Ministerial Pensions

Rev. C. B. Harman Rev. G. K. Rubrecht Rev. W. C. Stump

Students in Non-Lutheran Schools

Rev. R. E. Rangeler Rev. W. C. Heidenreich Rev. E. N. Haugse
Rev. G. E. Moeller

Young People

Rev. C. H. Berhenke Rev. A. L. Mendenhall
Rev. W. S. Livers Rev. C. J. Naugle Rev. H. M. Henriksen

Midland Assembly

Presidents of Synod, Women's Missionary Society, Lutheran Brotherhood, Midland College, Luther League of Nebraska and Chairmen of Parish Education Committee and Young People's Committee, Ex-Officio.

Assembly Representatives

Mr. F. E. Wood and Rev. T. D. Rinde.....1935-38
Rev. F. C. Wiegman and Rev. W. H. Saas.....1936-39
Mrs. Geo. Haase and Rev. E. C. Mortensen.....1937-40

DELEGATES TO THE 1938 CONVENTION OF THE U. L. C. A.

Clerical—Rev. J. C. Hershey, Rev. T. D. Rinde, Rev. P. W. H. Frederick, Rev. A. W. Young, Rev. H. Dumler.

Alternate-Clerical—Rev. G. K. Rubrecht, Rev. C. B. Harman, Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. W. H. Saas, Rev. E. C. Mortensen.

Lay—Mr. Herman Stelk, Mr. Albert Hedelund, Mr. Wm. Hendy, Mr. Emil Ahrens, Mr. Palmer McGrew.

Lay-Alternate—Mr. H. Fahrenbruch, Mr. O. E. Schellberg, Mr. W. W. Kuenning, Mr. Paul Mumford, Mr. Marius Christensen.

CALENDAR FOR 1939

The 67th Annual Convention will be held in First Lutheran Church, York, Nebraska, May 9, 10 and 11, 1939.

Synodical Sermon by the President of Synod.

Ordination Sermon, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Alternate, Rev. T. D. Rinde.

Chorister, Rev. G. Gieschen.

Organist, Rev. S. Frederick.

Chaplain, Rev. C. H. Berhenke; Alternate, Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.

ROLL OF SYNOD

	Pastor	Address	Year Ord.	Ent. Synod	Parish	Delegate
••• 1.	Alexander, C. M. N.,	Wilber	1936	1936	First, Wilber	
2.	Alexander, W. W.,	Hooper	1935	1934	Grace, Hooper	A. E. Hecker
					St. John's, Vacoma	H. Meier••
3.	Baird, V.,	Rising City	1938	1937	First, Rising City	L. J. Saylor
• 4.	Baltzly, O. D., Ph. D., D. D., LL. D.,	2602 Farnam, Omaha	1896	1911	Pastor Emeritus, Kountze Memorial	
5.	Berhenke, C. H.,	2544 N. 61st St., Omaha	1935	1935	First, Omaha	Geo. Wood••••
•• 6.	Chittenden, W. J.,	McCool Junction	1936	1936	First, McCool Jct	Henry Seng••
7.	Cordts, H. C.,	304 W. 20th, Falls City	1926	1925	St. Paul's, Falls City	A. Bickel
8.	Cress, F. L.,	Allen	1928	1936	First, Allen	E. C. Wharton••••
9.	Davis, R. V.,	Paxton	1929	1929	Trinity, Paxton	S. Monson
••10.	Daubenspeck, W. M.,		1929	1929	C. C. C. Chaplain	
11.	de Freese, L. H.,	South Sioux City	1936	1935	First, S. Sioux City	H. Lahrs
12.	Delo, F. S.,	847 S. 14th, Lincoln (Supply)	1894	1938	Grace, Lincoln	Palmer McGrew
13.	Dorner, E. A.,	Columbus	1929	1929	United, Columbus	F. Asche
•••14.	Dumler, H.,	Davenport	1926	1925	Christ's, Davenport	H. Snyder
15.	Estrada, D.,	South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
16.	Flora, G. R.,	Oshkosh	1936	1935	St. Mark's, Oshkosh	Miss M. Quelle
17.	Frederick, P. W. H., D. D.,	1653 N. Colson, Fremont	1900	1931	Professor in Western Seminary	
18.	Frederick, S.,	Homer	1937	1937	Homer-Hubbard	J. Nelsen••
•••19.	Gieschen, G.,	Leigh	1922	1934	St. John's, Leigh	J. Held
20.	Gilmer, E. H.,	Hildreth	1912	1932	St. Paul's Hildreth	R. Soker••••
•21.	Guss, W. I.,	827 East Illinois St., Spokane, Wash.	1899	1919	Missionary for Board of American Missions	
22.	Harman, C. B., D. D.,	503 W. 2nd, Grand Island	1900	1909	St. Paul's, Grand Island	O. Giesenhagen••••
23.	Haugse, E. N.,	Wolbach	1935	1935	Trinity, Wolbach	H. Johnson
					First, Ericson	
24.	Heidenreich, W. C.,	Wayne	1906	1928	St. Paul's, Wayne	Paul Zeplin••
25.	Henriksen, H. M.,	Stamford	1935	1935	Trinity, Stamford	E. Stalder••
26.	Hershey, J. C., D. D.,	1210 N. Park Ave., Fremont	1917	1917	President of Synod	
27.	Holz, G. C. H.,	Buenos Aires, South America	1931	1931	Missionary	
28.	Joens, H.,	Hampton	1929	1929	Emmanuel, Hampton	A. Enderle••
29.	Kahse, W. T., D. D.,	413 Central Ave., Sidney	1905	1912	Sidney-Potter	H. Rabe••
•30.	Keller, S. L.,	Fremont	1888	1910	Retired	
•31.	Kemper, C. H.,	North Platte	1927	1926	Retired temporarily	
32.	Klink, W. A.,	West Point	1917	1917	Grace, West Point	A. J. Manser
33.	Krebs, G. P.,	Emerson	1934	1937	St. Luke's, Emerson	N. L. Hansen
34.	Kuhns, L. M., D. D., Litt. D., LL. D.,	Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha	1886	1888	Pastor Emeritus	

35	Lewis, C. H. B., D. D., 748 E. Military, Fremont	1904	1925	U. L. C. A. Field Secretary of Parish and Church School Board	
36.	Livers, W. S., Ponca	1932	1932	Salem, Ponca	
37.	Machetzki, P. O., D. D., British New Guinea, South Africa	1915	1914	Missionary	
38.	Martin, H. F., Ph. D., D. D., Midland College, Fremont	1905	1925	President of Midland College	
39.	Mendenhall, A. L., Spencer	1937	1936	United, Spencer	
*40.	Mendenhall, G. N., Ph. D., D. D., Sterling, Kansas	1908	1922	Professor	
41.	Mendenhall, N. N., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1936	1936	Assistant at Kountze-Memorial, Omaha	
42.	Miller, J. C., Verdon	1915	1928	St. Mark's Verdon	B. F. Fisher**
				Trinity, Stella	E. Wheeler**
43.	Moeller, G. E., 2005 North 50th St., Omaha	1932	1932	Luther Memorial, Omaha	E. Castberg
44.	Mortensen, E. C., Benedict	1920	1920	Zion, Benedict	A. W. Augustine****
*45.	Mortensen, G. E., 1326 S. 26th Omaha	1920	1920	Grace, Omaha	J. F. Smith
46.	Naugle, C. J., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1938	1938	Assistant at Kountze-Memorial, Omaha	
***47.	Pinkall, A. H., 4520 S. 16th, Omaha	1930	1930	St. Luke's, Omaha	J. G. Jacobson****
48.	Rangeler, R. E., 3935 E. Randolph, Lincoln	1919	1921	St. James', Lincoln	H. Fahrenbruch
				Eagle-Walton	George Winkler**
49.	Rhine, J. S., Dalton	1933	1933	Gurley-Dalton	Paul Mortensen
50.	Rinde, T. D., 540 West Military, Fremont	1924	1927	Professor in Western Seminary	
51.	Rohlfing, E. F., Broadwater	1935	1934	Messiah, Broadwater	V. C. Nolte**
52.	Rubrecht, G. K., D. D., 311 W. 5th, North Platte	1905	1928	First, North Platte	A. T. Yost
53.	Saas, W. H., 214 N. 9th, Beatrice	1925	1924	Trinity, Beatrice	
54.	Schuldt, T. J. C., 406 S. 9th, Nebraska City	1936	1936	First, Nebraska City	J. H. Petring**
55.	Simon, M. B., 809 Grant, York	1937	1936	First, York	N. Johnson
56.	Soker, L. C., Laramie, Wyoming	1938	1937		
57.	Stump, W. C., 2051 N. 20th, Omaha	1910	1930	St. Mark's Omaha	A. Tegtmeier
58.	Teckhaus, H. A., S. T. M., Tekamah	1911	1937	Emmanuel, Tekamah	S. A. Wassum
59.	Tranberg, C. P. Hardy	1913	1930	St. Paul's, Hardy	
***60.	Traub, W. H., D. D., LL. D., 2602 Farnam, Omaha	1913	1931	Kountze-Memorial, Omaha	Paul Palmquist**
61.	Voss, W. A., 2875 Vane, Omaha	1925	1934	Our Redeemer, Omaha	B. W. Braasch
62.	Wharton, P. C.	1938	1937	Missionary for Board of American Missions	
63.	Wiegman, F. C., 325 E. 10th, Fremont	1927	1927	Salem, Fremont	H. Tank
64.	Weaver, G. B., D. D., Dakota City	1898	1916	Salem, Dakota City	R. Bartels
65.	Wood, E. G., Guntur, India	1929	1929	Missionary	
66.	Young, A. W., Scribner	1926	1924	United, Scribner	H. Bade
				Emmanuel, Snyder	Wm. Eller
67.	Delegate at large from North Platte Conference				
	Vacant			St. Paul's, Auburn	W. W. Kuenning
	Vacant			Grace, Lewellen	Miss M. Rohlfing
	Vacant			Grace, Sutherland	
	Vacant			Emmanuel, Dakota City	

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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Friends in Christ:

It gives me great pleasure to report to you my activities in the position to which you elected me a little over one year ago. The year has been a happy and blessed one, but it has not been without its trials and disappointments.

We are meeting for the third time, since I have been a member of the Nebraska Synod, in this beautiful house of God, Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska. We are also meeting in the shadow of those institutions which have for fifty years been training our boys and girls for greater service in the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is an important year for our educational institutions on this territory. Our interest and loyalty in them must not be neglected. Our Church in this Midwest depends upon these institutions for its growth. On the other hand these institutions depend upon the churches of this territory. Both must grow together that we may build a Church more acceptable to our God.

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Rev. E. F. Rohlfing, Broadwater, October 3, 1937. By President of Synod, J. C. Hersney.

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Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt, Nebraska City, October 17, 1937. By President of Synod, J. C. Hersney, assisted by Dr. F. C. Schuldt.

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Rev. A. L. Mendenhall, Sutherland, November 21, 1937. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Rev. F. C. Wiegman, Fremont, November 28, 1937. By Dr. C. B. Harman, assisted by Dr. F. C. Schuldt.

Rev. J. S. Rhine, Gurley-Dalton, January 30, 1938. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Rev. Sherman Frederick, Homer-Hubbard. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey, assisted by Dr. F. W. H. Frederick.

Rev. E. H. Gilmer, Hildreth. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Rev. R. V. Davis, Paxton, March 13, 1938. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Rev. A. L. Mendenhall, Spencer, March 20, 1938. By President of Synod.

Dr. G. Keller Rubrecht, North Platte, April 24, 1938. By President of Synod, J. C. Hersney, assisted by Rev. Fred C. Wiegman.

Rev. Clarence Alexander, Wilber, April 3, 1938. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Rev. C. P. Tranberg, Hardy, May 1, 1938. By President of Synod, J. C. Hershey.

Ordinations

Alfred L. Mendenhall, Fremont, June 6, 1937. Sermon was preached by Dr. Dysinger, the ordination service was conducted by the officers of Synod, President W. I. Guss and Secretary T. D. Rinde.

Licensure

Paul C. Wharton, Allen, October 14, 1937. Service was held in St. Paul's Church, Grand Island. Dr. C. B. Harman preached the sermon and performed the act of licensure.

Vacancies

Bruning—Since there is a strong American Lutheran Church in this town and only about three families left belonging to the United Lutheran Church, the Executive Committee approved action to dispose of the property.

Dakota City, (Emmanuel)—Mrs. Elizabeth Neiswanger instructed two young people in the catechism and they were confirmed Easter Sunday by Dr. Luther M. Kuhns. Since that, this congregation has been supplied by students of the Seminary regularly. There has been an average attendance of about 24.

Sutherland—This congregation is not being supplied regularly. It extended a call to Rev. F. S. Delo, who, at the same time, received a call to supply Grace Church, Lincoln, until the 1st of September. Rev. Delo accepted Grace Church. We hope to arrange a supply for Sutherland during the summer months.

Lincoln (Grace)—has been vacant since the resignation of Dr. G. K. Rubrecht the 1st of April. It is being supplied regularly by Rev. F. S. Delo who is on the field and lives in the parsonage.

Lewellen—This church has been vacant since the resignation of Rev. C. M. N. Alexander, March 1st. It has been supplied by students and professors of the Seminary almost regularly. With the prospects of crops, they hope to call a pastor soon.

Applications for Membership

BY ORDINATION—Leeland Soker, Vance Baird, Paul C. Wharton and Calvin J. Naugle.

Anniversaries

Broadwater—Anniversary of organization of church.

Omaha, First Church—Celebrated 30th anniversary of the church in September, 1937.

Stamford—Trinity Lutheran Church formally observed its Golden Jubilee. A year of praise and thanksgiving, marked by religious and social events is uppermost in our hearts and minds, writes the pastor.

Dakota City, (Salem)—Pastor and Mrs. Weaver celebrated 40th wedding anniversary and 40th anniversary of the ordination of Dr. Weaver.

Omaha, (Kountze Memorial)—Church Council planned a real celebration of their pastor's 25 years in the ministry. Dr. Traub was ordained May 4, 1913, Danville, Pa., by the Susquehanna Synod. May 22, 1938, Dr. Abdel Ross Wentz, Gettysburg, Pa., an old time friend, was invited to speak in honor of the occasion. The President of Synod J. C. Hershey, also had a share in this service. Thursday evening, May 26th, a banquet was given in Dr. Traub's honor at the Rome Hotel. The following brought greetings: Mayor Dan B. Butler from the city of Omaha; Dr. H. F. Martin, from Midland College; Rev J. C. Hershey from the Nebraska Synod, Dean Stephen E. McGinley from Omaha Clergymen; Governor Roy L. Cochran from the State. Dr. Traub is to be congratulated upon having completed 25 years of very fruitful service to his church.

Eagle—This congregation observed its forty-fifth anniversary October 10th, 1937. President of Synod preached in the morning and conveyed the greetings of the Synod to them in the afternoon. Dr. G. K. Rubrecht delivered a historical address in the afternoon. The ladies of the church served a bountiful dinner in the town hall.

Dedications

West Point—Dedicated $8,000 set of chimes December 19, 1937.

Omaha, (Redeemer)—Dedicated New Hammond Organ, cost $1,400.

Improvements

Omaha, (Kountze Memorial)—Repaired Parish House and started painting church.

Hardy—Redecorated interior of parsonage and church basement.

Hooper—Sacristry redecorated; Out-door bulletin board erected, gift of Senior Luther League; church lawn reseeded.

South Sioux City—Church parlors redecorated at a cost of $15.00 for materials with labor and materials donated by the Brotherhood. New typewriter added to church office equipment, $69.50. Three dozen folding steel chairs $45.00. Altar and Pulpit paraments and fair linen materials $20.00 with sewing donated. Pulpit Bible $6.50. Credence bracket $13.50 donated. Offering plates $10.00 donated.

Fremont—Improvements $100.00.

Grand Island—Burgundy velvet carpet for Church chancel and

aisles and for study, and vacuum cleaner; five branch candelabra for altar and a memorial cross; Memorial lectern and Bible for the same; total cost, $1,231.

Wilber—Linoleum for church, parsonage repaired, trees and shrubs for lawn.

Hampton—Trees and shrubbery for church and parsonage lawn.

Broadwater—Installed a new gas stove in Parish hall.

Paxton—Reset and repaired furnace and redecorated basement. Total cost $100.00.

Omaha, (Redeemer)—Church redecorated, cost $425.00.

Omaha, (St. Luke's)—Painted window frames on out side, alley paved.

Falls City—Added second unit, 24x60 feet, two-story at cost $5,000.00. This unit is being used for primary department, social rooms and the upper story is chapel for German services.

Ponca—Two tables and a cabinet for hand work were added to equipment in Primary S. S. room. Curtains have also been purchased.

Davenport—Repaired church and parsonage roof, cost $79.75.

Tekamah—Repairs on parsonage $75.00.

York—Painted Sunday School rooms in basement.

Dalton—Furnace repaired $150.00.

Potter—Repairs and improvements $200.00.

Oshkosh—Installation of imitation stained glass window "The Ascension," in rear of church, sanded and refinished floor in church, graded and gravelled drive way, built side walk, seeded lawn and planted eight twelve-foot trees.

Thirty-nine answered the questionnaire sent out by the president of Synod. On the proposed new pension plan, 13 voted yes, 5 voted no, 7 yes with changes and 14 did not vote. Eight pastors report increase in salaries. 16 Church Schools adopted the five-year plan as outlined by the Parish and Church School Board, one partly, 19 did not and two did not answer. 17 observed the Calendar of special days and seasons, eleven partly and two did not answer. 31 used literature sent out by the Laymen's Movement, six did not and two did not say.

Your President attended the North Platte Conference, the South Platte Conference and was unable to meet with the Western Conference because of conflicting dates. He led devotions at the Women's Missionary Synodical Convention, attended Luther League Camp one day and went to Harrisburg to meet with the presidents of the 34 constituent Synods of the U. L. C. A. He attended three District Sunday School Conventions and addressed the Life Service meeting at Hardy. Held 23 congregational meetings, 17 council meetings, met with 10 committees, preached two dedicatory sermons, 31 regular sermons, 11 addresses and led devotionals at the College twice. In taking care of the work of Synod about 17,500 miles were travelled by train and car.

Pastors Institutes

Mr. Arthur P. Black informs us that the Executive Board of the U. L. C. A. is planning "Pastor's Institutes" for all district Synods. These institutes will take the place of the Promotional Group meetings held last fall. The present plan is to send a speaker to each Synod to meet with the pastors in their institutes.

Recommendations

1. That with grateful hearts we humbly acknowledge the bountiful goodness and mercy of a loving heavenly Father's care of us for another year.

2. That pastors and Church Councils be urged to carry out and

promote every possible plan for the development of Christian stewardship in our congregations. That we use the literature distributed by the Laymen's movement in our Church.

3. That we plan to hold the "Pastor's Institutes" in connection with our conferences next fall. That one day be planned for the institute.

4. That in the event that small congregations are reported to be in financial distress and unable to pay for pastoral ministrations, then the President of Synod shall refer such congregations to the Missionary Committee, which Committee shall have power to act.

5. That the pastors and congregations observe the Calendar of Special Days and Seasons of the United Lutheran Church in America as published on page 30 of the Year Book of the U. L. C. A. for 1938, and that this calendar be printed on the first inside cover of our Minutes.

In closing, your president desires to thank you for the position to which you have elected him. The task is a new experience, but with the patience and cooperation of both congregations and pastors and the directing hand of a loving heavenly Father, some progress has been made.

"The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

Treasurer Wood presented his report and the Auditor's Report. The Auditor's Report was adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT 1937

Receipts

Balance on hand January 1, 1937		$ 1,374.11
United Lutheran Church		8,596.58
Synodical Treasury		2,840.22
Ministerial Education		573.11
Tabitha Home		
Apportionment	$ 1,910.35	
Special Gifts	156.02	2,066.37
Midland College		
Apportionment	4,393.81	
Special Gifts	1,356.32	5,750.13
Missionary Committee (Apportionment)		955.17
Board of American Missions		275.90
Foreign Missions		777.18
Miscellaneous		
Ministerial Pensions and Relief	12.88	
Flood Relief	754.37	
Christian Education (Midland)	17.80	
American Missions	86.89	
Church Extension	21.00	
Car for India Missions	21.05	
Inner Missions	5.06	
American Bible Society	1.00	
Mrs. Sturtevant (For Virgin Islands from North Platte Sunday School)	20.00	940.05
		$24,148.82

Disbursements

United Lutheran Church	9,477.78
Ministerial Education	573.11

Tabitha Home	2,066.37	
Foreign Missions	777.18	
Midland College	5,767.93	
Missionary Committee	1,231.07	
E. G. Wood, India Mission car	21.05	
Mrs. Sturtevant for Virgin Islands	20.00	
	$19,934.49	$19,934.49

Synodical Treasury

W. I. Guss, Salary and expenses	$ 1,360.48	
Perkins Printing Co	604.80	
F. E. Wood	128.94	
T. D. Rinde	75.68	
Gus Prestegaard	4.98	
Hanson Audit Co.	25.00	
W. H. Saas	16.95	
G. B. Weaver	2.70	
G. N. Mendenhall	1.00	
Foster L. Cress	5.00	
Nebraska State Bldg. & Loan	2.20	
J. C. Hershey, Salary and expenses	1,463.31	
Belle Bliss	13.84	
E. C. Mortensen	14.62	
W. A. Klink	10.85	
Theo. Schuldt	1.50	
Peterson Jewelry Co.	58.65	
E. G. Wood	19.35	
W. F. Rangeler	12.00	
Midland College (For filing cabinets for officers of synod) Pres. & Secretary	26.28	
E. Rohlfing	7.50	
J. F. Bastian	10.00	
Harry Swanson	1.00	
E. G. Miller	4.00	
U. L. C. Publishing Co.	4.50	
Exchange	2.88	
	$ 3,878.01	$ 3,878.01
Balance in Synod Treasury		336.82
		$24,148.82

	Apportionment	Paid	%	Specials	Total
Allen	$ 612	$ 54.25	8.8	$ 35.80	$ 90.05
Auburn	752	520.00	69.1	74.63	594.63
Beatrice	400	54.00	13.5	131.53	185.53
Benedict	652	396.00	60.7	242.60	638.60
Broadwater	316	155.74	49.3		155.74
Columbus	236	147.00	62.3	10.50	157.50
Dalton	276	69.46	25.1	14.14	83.60
Dakota City, Em.	20	5.00	25.	5.00	10.00
Dak. City, Salem	480	77.00	16.	12.40	89.40
Davenport	828	115.00	13.9	42.47	157.47
Eagle	140	12.50	8.9	42.47	157.50
Emerson	580	300.00	51.7	55.91	355.91
Ericson	48	18.00	37.5		18.00
Falls City	1,600	458.00	28.6	40.93	493.93
Fremont	1,588	944.57	59.4	107.15	1,051.72
Grand Island	3,200	1,161.00	36.3	340.34	1,501.34
Gurley	348	157.00	45.	20.00	177.00
Hampton	432	17.00	3.9	8.65	25.65
Hardy	168				
Hildreth	460	3.00	.6	38.05	41.05
Homer	456	48.00	10.5	6.60	54.60

Hooper	888	375.00	42.2	4.50	379.50
Hubbard	260				
Leigh	672	188.00	28.	28.42	216.42
Lincoln, Grace	1,748	1,085.00	62.	541.35	1,626.35
Lincoln, St. James'	228	75.00	33.	13.90	88.90
Lewellen	168	71.92	43.		71.92
McCool Jct.	352	67.00	19.	2.00	69.00
Nebraska City	432	173.60	43.	12.00	185.60
North Platte	1,904	1,904.00	100.	151.76	2,055.76
Omaha, First	1,112	327.00	29.4		327.00
Omaha, Grace	944				
Omaha, K. Mem.	10,124	3,572.00	35.2	622.40	4,194.40
Omaha, Redeemer	1,436	1,221.00	85.	42.55	1,283.55
Omaha, St Luke's	1,844	1,318.00	71.4	58.68	1,376.68
Omaha, St. Mark's	524	412.00	78.6	57.00	469.00
Oshkosh	168	38.74	22.	8.00	44.74
Paxton	476	292.00	61.4	51.67	343.67
Ponca	892	242.00	27.1	11.50	253.50
Potter	120	76.00	63.3	13.00	89.00
Rising City	596	292.21	49.	18.53	310.56
Scribner	188	128.00	68.	59.12	187.12
Snyder		13.00	100.	6.00	19.00
Sidney	560	252.00	45.	87.00	339.00
S. Sioux City	660	512.00	77.5	11.00	523.00
Spencer	336	56.00	16.6	5.00	61.00
Stamford	400	95.00	23.7	34.36	129.36
Stella	104	59.00	56.7	3.00	62.00
Sutherland	104	4.00	3.7		4.00
Tekamah	192	27.00	14.	7.00	34.00
Vacoma, St. John's	224	71.00	31.7		71.00
Verdon	536	184.71	34.4	24.51	209.22
Walton	300	34.26	11.4	5.00	39.26
Wayne	948	394.00	41.5	93.00	487.00
West Point	1,204	615.56	51.5	81.60	697.16
Wilber	220	82.00	37.2		82.00
Wolbach	604	51.00	8.4		51.00
York	480	84.00	17.5		84.00
	$45,540	$19,103.52	41.9	$3,240.37	$22,343.89

From the accompanying report it will be seen that payments on the Synodical Apportionment have fallen to the lowest ebb in many years. Some churches have made a gallant effort and have surpassed previous records. They are to be congratulated. It is to be regretted that one church with a record of twenty years of payment in full has failed. If we except Snyder, with no quota, only one church in the Synod has paid its benevolence in full.

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. Wood, Treasurer

To the Board of Trustees,
The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska,
of the United Lutheran Church in America,
Fremont, Nebraska.

Gentlemen:—

As instructed by your President, Rev. John C. Hershey, and as provided by your By-Laws, we have conducted an audit of the books and all auxiliary records of your Treasurer, Mr. F. E. Wood, for the period from January 26, 1937 to January 26, 1938, inclusive.

Our report herein consists of the following Exhibits:

Exhibit "A": Detailed Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by Funds.

Exhibit "B": Summary of Receipts and Disbursements and Balances.

Exhibit "C": Bank Reconciliation.

Our report herein agrees with the books of the Treasurer and is, in our opinion, a complete and correct accounting of all the funds handled by the Treasurer during the period mentioned above.

The Apportionment Fund has been distributed according to the percentages shown in Exhibit "A". We are assuming these percentages are as prescribed by the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
THE HANSON AUDIT COMPANY,
By Alfred L. Hanson

The Statistician's Report was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

Not only can your statistician report that a Parochial Report was received from every congregation of Synod again this year but also that they were sent in more promptly and made out more correctly than has been the case in several years, making the work of this office easier than it has been for the past four years. This does not mean that all reports came in promptly for there were 19 that came in late, three from the Western Conference, five from the South Platte Conference and eleven from the North Platte Conference. Nor does it mean that all reports were without mistake for many had to be corrected, some because of carelessness, others because of a misunderstanding of the rubrics. But it does mean that there has been considerable improvement over past years. For this fine co-operation we wish to express our appreciation to the brethren of Synod.

And perhaps a word of appreciation for the co-operation received from you by this office during the past five years would not be amiss. During that period you have sent us 286 out of a possible 287 Parochial reports. That is a good record. We hope you will keep it up.

An analysis of this year's report follows:

	Number	Increase	Decrease
Congregations	58		
Membership			
Baptized	26,957	1,077	
Confirmed	18,648	760	
Communing	11,622		8
Sunday Schools	58		
Officers-Teachers	1,068		
Scholars	8,691		288
Week-Day Schools	23	2	
Officers-Teachers	181	50	
Scholars	1,411	248	
Catechumens	981	228	
Students			
For Ministry	8		3
In Lutheran Schools	42		6
In Non-Lutheran Schools	264	16	
Financial			
Congregational Expense			
Current	$107,790		$1,421
Unusual	29,029	$11,808	
Total	136,819	9,387	

Congregational Benevolence			
Apportioned	19,201		1,318
Unapportioned	13,009	3,231	
Total	32,210	1,913	
Total Expenditures	$169,029	$12,300	

In comparing the 1937 report with that of 1936 I would have you note:

1. That the percentage of confirmed members communing dropped from 65% in 1936 to 62.3% in 1937.
2. That there was a 9.4% increase in contributing members.
3. That the percentage of students attending Lutheran institutions decreased from 16.2% in 1936 to 13.7% in 1937.
4. That there was an increase of 288 catechumens over 1936.
5. That the number of students studying for the ministry decreased from 11 in 1936 to 8 in 1937.
6. That there was a decrease of 288 in Sunday School scholars.
7. That while the total expenditures increased more than $13,000, giving for benevolence decreased $1,308.
8. That the per capita giving for Benevolence was $1.76 for 1936 and $1.65 for 1937, while the per capita giving for Current Expenses was $10.86 in 1936 compared to $11.68 in 1937.
9. That there was an increase of 24 subscribers for church papers. These comparisons have meaning. Study them.

Recommendation

That the Examining Committee be instructed to stress the importance of the Parochial Report to candidates for licensure and ordination and that the candidates be shown how to fill out the blanks properly.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas

The Historian's Report was presented by Dr. L. M. Kuhns. The Report was adopted.

THE HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Some additions which are worth while have been made during the year to the historical possessions of Synod. These were gratefully acknowledged and accepted.

Your Historian frequently has been called upon to furnish historical information relative to Synod, He has complied with these requests.

On August 6, 1937 in Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Rev. Leeland Soker, supply pastor, Rev. J. C. Hershey, elected President of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, was formally installed according to the Liturgy of the Lutheran Church, Rev. T. D. Rinde, Secretary, in charge of the services. The installation sermon was preached by the Vice President of Synod, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., Grand Island. Revs. W. H. Sass, Statistician and Luther M. Kuhns, Historian, participated in the services. A large audience witnessed the installation.

The years of 1937-38 mark the Golden Jubilee of Midland College—Fifty Years of Christian Achievement! Midland's ideal is given: "To Increase Vision, Strengthen Character and Consecrate Leadership."

Through the courtesy of Rev. Walter H. Traub, D. D., Pastor of Kountze Memorial Church, your Historian was privileged on October 31st to preach the Reformation sermon before that congregation. He

also participated in The Three Hours Devotions of Good Friday.

The First Lutheran Church of Benson, Omaha, Rev. Carl H. Berhenke, Pastor, had planned quite an elaborate Thirtieth Anniversary program commencing September 1st, 1937. This celebration, as planned, was to have continued throughout the month, but an epidemic of poliomyelitis interfered. However, on four successive Sunday nights special programs were had. The speakers were Rev. Ralph W. Livers, Council Bluffs, Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Fremont, Dr. G. B. Weaver, Dakota City, and Rev. J. C. Hershey, President of Synod. Your Historian opened this celebration by preaching the historical sermon on Sunday, September 5th. This congregation, as custodian of the pioneer pulpit, also arranged to adapt it for an Altar in the Sunday School room. Its dedication was had on Easter, April 17, 1938, as the main Sunday School service.

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Eagle, Nebraska, Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler, Pastor, celebrated their 45th anniversary, Sunday, October 10th, 1937. The President of Synod, Rev. J. C. Hershey, D. D., preached in the morning, and both he and Dr. G. Keller Rubrecht spoke in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Spirk of Wilber furnished several musical numbers, and Mrs. Laad J. Skocpol, President of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society brought its greetings.

On Sunday, May 22, 1938, Kountze Memorial observed the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Ordination of its pastor, Rev. Walter H. Traub. The sermon on the occasion was preached by Prof. Rev. A. R. Wentz, D. D. of the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa., a personal friend of Dr. Traub. A banquet was given at the Rome Hotel on Thursday evening, May 26th, attended by public officials, civic leaders, and members of the Omaha Clergy. Mr. A. F. Bloom was toastmaster and T. L. Frank was general chairman of the Ordination Silver Jubilee. Letters and telegrams of congratulation were read, and Mr. Frank presented the congregation's gift to the Pastor, —a small "treasure chest" containing bags of coin and literature on summer vacations. A vase of flowers came from the old "Bee Hive" —Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania where Dr. Traub served as Pastor for nine years before coming to Omaha seven years ago. As reported, Dr. Traub paid tribute to Mrs. Traub by declaring, "She is the one part of my ministry that has never been criticized."

During the Synodical year the following have become members of Synod.

Rev. H. A. Teckhaus, Tekamah, from Mid-West Synod, July 31, 1937.

Rev. Geo. P. Krebs, Emerson, Rocky Mountain Synod, July 31, 1937.

Rev. Sherman E. Frederick, Homer-Hubbard, Kansas Synod, January 3, 1938.

Rev. Alfred N. Mendenhall, Ordained June 1, 1937, in Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont; sermon by Holmes Dysinger, and W. I. Guss, President, and T. D. Rinde, Secretary of Synod, and Dr. Geo. N. Mendenhall; pastorates North Platte, and now spencer, Nebraska.

Respectfully submitted,
Luther M. Kuhns

Historian Kuhns also presented a Special Report on a recognition program for the Silver Anniversary of the Ordination of the Rev. E. H. Gilmer, the Rev. C. P. Tranberg and the Rev. W. H. Traub, D. D., LL. D.

A motion carried that we hold a Memorial Service for the Rev. E. E. Fleck, Mrs. E. E. Fleck and the Rev. J. A. Lowe, Ph. D.

Mrs. C. E. Gardener, Litt. D., President of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, was introduced and brought greetings. Dr. C. B. Harman responded to Mrs. Gardener.

The following visitors were introduced: the Rev. A. Lentz, Secretary of the Midwest Synod, the Rev A. O. Frank, D. D., the Rev. H. H. Scherer, Dr. W. F. Rangeler, Dean of Western Seminary and President of the Commission of Adjudication of the United Lutheran Church in America, and the Rev. L. A. Swan, Field Secretary for Midland College.

The Report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary. Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 were adopted. Recommendation 5 was amended to read $3 instead of $2.50 and was adopted as amended. One item that had been omitted from Recommendation 7 was added and the Recommendation was adopted as corrected. The Recommendations were adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee has held five meetings since the last Convention of Synod.

2. The Committees required by the Constitution were appointed and the Calendar for the 1938 Convention was arranged, as in the 1937 Minutes.

3. All unfinished business from the 1937 Convention referred to the Executive Committee was taken care of.

4. Arrangements were made for the Installation Service for President-elect J. C. Hershey. The Installation Service was held August 6, 1937, in Salem Lutheran Church at Fremont, Nebraska. Dr. C. B. Harman, Vice-President of Synod, delivered the Charge to the new President.

5. President Hershey was allowed $50 for moving expenses.

6. The Committee voted that all Committee Reports to be presented at the 1938 Convention of the Synod should be mimeographed and sent to the members of Synod 10 days before the Convention of Synod.

7. Two filing cabinets were purchased, one for the President and one for the Secretary. A typewriter was also purchased for the President.

8. Appointments were made to fill vacancies on Committees occurring during the year.

9. President J. C. Hershey, Dr. W. H. Traub and Mr. O. E. Schellberg were appointed to represent our Synod at a meeting with representatives from the Iowa, the Kansas and the Midwest Synods, and Dr. A. E. Bell, Chairman of the Committee on Constituent Synods of the U. L. C. A. The meeting was held to discuss the possibility and advisability of merging these four Synods into one large Synod.

10. President J. C. Hershey, Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, and the Rev. W. A. Klink, Chairman of our Synodical Trustees on the Midland College Board, were appointed to work out the items of business to be presented to the Special Session of the Synod which was held February 8, 1938.

11. The Committee voted that one evening during the 1938

Convention of Synod should be given to the State Brotherhood for their laymen's banquet and program.

12. The Secretary was instructed to send greetings to the other Synods on this territory as they met for their Annual Conventions.

Recommendations

1. That 800 copies of the Minutes of the 1938 Convention of Synod be printed.

2. That $100 be appropriated by Synod for Student Work at the University of Nebraska.

3. That the representative of the American Bible Society be given a period of 15 minutes on our Synodical Program.

4. That our church property at Bruning, Nebraska, be sold.

5. That $3.00 per day be allowed the delegates to the Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America to be held in Baltimore, Maryland.

6. That consideration of the proposed merger of the Synods of Iowa, Kansas, the Midwest and Nebraska, be made an item of business at the 1938 Convention of our Synod.

7. That the Synodical Budget for 1939 be as follows:

United Lutheran Church in America	$31,000.00
Midland College	11,622.00
Synodical Treasury	9,000.00
Tabitha Home	6,188.00
Missionary Committee	3,094.00
Ministerial Education Committee	750.00
Total	$61,654.00

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

In accordance with the budget adopted by Synod the Apportionment Table for 1939, based upon a communing membership of 11.622, is as follows:

Allen	$ 583	Omaha, First	1,511
Auburn	1,007	Omaha, Grace	980
Beatrice	631	Omaha, K. M.	11,861
Benedict	657	Omaha, L. M.	185
Broadwater	472	Omaha, Redeemer	2,343
Columbus	397	Omaha, St. Luke's	2,343
Dalton	435	Omaha, St. Mark's	620
Dakota City, Emmanuel	37	Oshkosh	366
Dakota City, Salem	636	Paxton	753
Davenport	1,145	Ponca	1,028
Eagle	233	Potter	122
Emerson	859	Rising City	848
Ericson	64	Scribner	784
Falls City	2,703	Sidney	684
Fremont	2,374	Snyder	
Grand Island	4,240	South Sioux City	1,124
Gurley	424	Spencer	546
Hampton	360	Stamford	615
Hardy	392	Stella	138
Hildreth	530	Sutherland	64
Homer	721	Tekamah	265
Hooper	1,102	Vacoma	302
Hubbard	445	Verdon	705
Leigh	912	Walton	435
Lincoln, Grace	2,539	Wayne	1,208
Lincoln, St. James'	344	West Point	1,828

Lewellen	323	Wilber	291
McCool Junction	392	Wolbach	753
Nebraska City	572	York	567
North Platte	2,666		

Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

Mr. E. P. Hoeppner was introduced and spoke about the book display from the United Lutheran Publication House.

Mr. Albert Hedelund was nominated for lay member on the Executive Committee. The nominations were closed. The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Hedelund as lay member on the Executive Committee. The Secretary cast the ballot for Mr. Hedelund.

The tellers reported 57 votes cast for Dr. C. B. Harman as Vice-President, a necessary majority for an election. The President declared Dr. Harman elected.

The Session adjourned at 5:07 p. m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The Executive Session of Synod convened at 5:08 Wednesday afternoon.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. W. A. Klink and the Rev. C. M. N. Alexander.

The Report of the Examining Committee was presented by the Rev. A. W. Young, Secretary of the Committee.

Recommendations 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were adopted.

A motion carried that the Memorial Service for the Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Fleck and Dr. J. A. Lowe be held Thursday morning instead of the regular Devotional Service.

A motion carried that the Executive Session adjourn until 5 p. m., Thursday, June 2, 1938.

RECOGNITION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY EVENING

Immediately following the Wednesday evening meal a brief recognition service was held in honor of Dr. W. H. Traub and the Rev. E. H. Gilmer who have completed 25 and 26 years in the active ministry, respectively. The felicitations of Synod were extended to Dr. Traub by Dr. P. W. H. Frederick and to Rev. Gilmer by the Rev. H. C. Cordts. Both honorees responded. President Hershey presided at this service and Dr. G. B. Weaver closed the services with prayer.

The Rev. J. E. Hoick, D. D., of Los Angeles, California, was introduced and brought a word of greeting.

ORDINATION SERVICE, WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The Ordination Service Wednesday night was in charge of the Chairman of the Examining Committee, the President, Vice-President and Secretary of Synod. The Ordination Sermon was preached by the Rev. F. C. Wiegman, the theme being "The Ministry".

The following young men were ordained: the Rev. Vance Baird, the Rev. Leeland C. Soker and the Rev. Paul C. Wharton.

THURSDAY MORNING

At 8:45 Thursday morning a special Memorial Service was held for the Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Fleck and Dr. J. A. Lowe. The service was in charge of Necrologist L. M. Kuhns, with the other officers of Synod participating in the service. At the close of the service the Report of the Necrologist was adopted.

THE REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

"Thou hast holden my right hand. Thou wilt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory."

This Synodical year is marked by the passing of three notable lives in our ministerial family. They are: James Angus Lowe, E. Lee Fleck and Mrs. Harriet Olive Fleck, wife of E. Lee Fleck. It is always difficult to speak of departed friends. Their life and character make us feel as if we were in the presence of the hallowed spirits, and as we think of them as being guided of the Lord, they are:

James Angus Lowe, son of Cornelius and Mary Ann Lowe, was born October 22, 1851 at Smicksburg, Indiana County, Pa., and died in Omaha, April 29, 1938 at the ripe age of 86 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was educated at the village school, the Glade Run Academy, and Wittenberg College and Seminary at Springfield, Ohio. For two winters he taught in rural schools; he also taught in Swede College, Knoxville, Ill., in the rural school in Johnson County, Kansas; for eight years as principal of the high school in Jericho Springs, Mo., and for several summers he was instructor in the Teachers' Institute in Cedar County, Missouri. He also held a Missouri State Teachers' Life Certificate. From his alma mater, Wittenberg College, he received his A. M., and from the University of Arkansas the degree of Ph. D.

James Angus Lowe was licensed to preach by the Iowa Synod and ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Kansas Synod in 1878. When he finished his Seminary work he told the Synodical Missionary Committe that "he was going to Kansas"; but "the committe does not have any money and is not sending any man to Kansas," they replied. He answered, "I am not asking for any money, or to be sent, I am going to Kansas." He began his ministry preaching in school houses in Johnson County, Kansas. For three and one-half years he was pastor at White Rock, Kansas, a town extinct for fifty years. He preached at Hardy, Nebraska from March, 1880 to September, 1883; Barnes, Waterville and Hebron, Kansas, September, 1883 to November, 1888; Hutchinson, Kansas, November, 1888 to April, 1891; Wichita, Kansas, April, 1891 to August, 1893; at Chapman, Kansas, August, 1893 to August, 1894; at Jericho Springs, Mo., September, 1894 to June, 1902, and in Nebraska, at Beatrice, December, 1902 to August, 1908; Wilber, December, 1908 to 1913. He also supplied

the Churches at Beatrice and McCool Junction; and for some years he held a pastorate at Fernald, Iowa from 1916 to 1918.

Dr. Lowe was President of the Kansas Synod for three years, and for three years its Secretary; likewise in the Nebraska Synod, he was President for three years and also its Secretary for three years. Twice he was a delegate to the former General Synod, and for a period of twenty years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Dr. Lowe was married August 1, 1877 at Oregon, Ill. to Miss Anna Eugenie Wertz, a teacher in the high school at Galesburg. The strength of her character, and the willing and efficient energy she possessed was given without stint to her husband's missionary work. Her Church activities sowed the seeds of the disease that finally resulted in her death at Wilber, Nebraska, June 4, 1912. To this union there were born three children: Charles R. Lowe, Pastor at Monroe, Wisc., Emery C. who died in school service at Carcar, Cebu, Philippine Islands, February 29, 1908, and a daughter, Mrs. W. G. Springer of Carthage, Mo.

June 22, 1916, Dr. Lowe was married to Mrs. Anna Julia Peters of Beatrice, Nebraska, who survives him. After serving the pastorate at Fernald, Iowa, Dr. Lowe retired about ten years ago and took up his residence in Omaha.

Funeral services were held in Kountze Memorial Church, May 4, 1938, Dr. G. N. Mendenhall of Sterling, Kansas, preaching the sermon. Dr. Walter H. Traub, pastor of Kountze Memorial and Rev. Newell Mendenhall, assistant pastor, and Rev. T. D. Rinde, Secretary of Synod, conducted the Liturgical service. Interment was in Beatrice, Nebraska where Rev. J. C. Hershey, President of the Nebraska Synod participated in the services.

"Sunshine and shadows are ever allied,
But the shadows will fade, and the sunshine abide."

Adopting the deep thought of the Psalmist, death only appears to take on the nature of a tragedy when it is permitted to mar our perfect trust in God, and to weaken our realization of His abiding love. When we believe that "He holds our right hand and guides us with His counsel," death, viewed from the activities of earthly life, is seen from the other side to be a birth into a richer and more abundant life—the soul's true destiny.

E. Lee Fleck, son of Conrad and Mary Fleck, was born September 8, 1856 in Sinking Valley, Pa., and died May 18, 1937 aged 80 years, 8 months and 10 days. As a young man he went to Polo, Illinois, where he worked on a farm. Later he moved to Iowa where he taught school in the summer. From Iowa he went to Carthage College, Carthage, Ill., from which place he graduated in 1884, and entered Hamma Divinity School of Wittenberg, Springfield, Ohio, completing his Seminary course in 1887 when he was ordained to the ministry. He began his work in Springfield, Ohio, organizing the Third Lutheran Church there, and also serving the Rockaway congregation of that City. In 1890 he assumed the pastorate of Trinity Lutheran congregation at Sidney, Nebraska, where he remained for three years, and in 1893 he returned to Dayton, Ohio, where he organized the Second Lutheran Church. On completing his work in Dayton he moved to Sterling, Ill., where he served as pastor for nine years. On account of ill health, in 1909 he retired from active service and made his home in Lincoln, Nebraska. During his retirement he served as supply pastor at Waverly, Rising City, Dakota City, Surprise, and other places in the vicinity of Lincoln.

On March 7, 1888, Rev. Fleck was united in marriage to Harriet Olive Hosford of Hamilton, Ill., who for fifty years became his partner and helper in his life's work. To them were born five children: Vera M., at home; Harlow C. of New York City; Mrs. P. H. Smith, Aurora, Ill.; Donald W., at home, and Elmer E. of Washington, D. C.

Rev. Ralph E. Rangeler conducted brief funeral services in Lincoln, Nebraska, May 19, 1937. Mr. Frank Easterday, a Carthage College schoolmate and friend of many years, sang hymns at this service. The interment was in Hamilton, Illinois.

Harriet Olive Fleck, nee Hosford, was born in Hamilton, Illinois, July 31, 1859 and died in Lincoln, July 29, 1937. She was the daughter of Harlow and Mary Hosford who came to this country from Edinburgh, Scotland. She entered Carthage College at Carthage, Ill., from which she was graduated in 1884. In college she was a classmate of a fellow student who later became her husband. On March 7, 1888, Harriet Olive Hosford became the wife of Rev. E. Lee Fleck. She was a real helpmate for her husband and most graciously presided over her Christian home. In a little over two months from the passing of her husband and just two days before her 78th birthday, after a day of pleasant visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Fleck was stricken and she too crossed the River to join the loved ones in the Colony on the Other Side. As nearly as possible her funeral arrangements were the same as those had for her husband. The final services were at Hamilton, Illinois, conducted by Dr. R. G. Schulz, President of Carthage College. She was laid to rest in God's Acre beside her husband. The heart of her husband trusted safely in her, and her children rise up and call her blessed.

L. M. Kuhns, Necrologist

The Business Session convened at 9:42 a. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. J. C. Miller and the Rev. George Krebs.

The roll was called, 50 pastors and 30 lay-delegates being present.

The Minutes of the Session held Wednesday afternoon and evening were read and approved.

The Committee of Reference and Counsel reported the order of business for the session.

The Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was presented by the Rev. A. W. Young, Secretary of the Committee. A motion carried that the appropriations made by the Committee be approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

On July 20, 1937, the convenor, Dr. C. B. Harman asked the members of the committee to cast their votes by mail for officers of the committee. The following were elected: Dr. C. B. Harman, Chairman, Rev. W. C. Heidenreich, Treasurer and Rev. A. W. Young, Secretary.

The committee distributed funds turned over by the treasurer of synod as follows: Paul Wharton $100.00, Lawrence Vosseler $125 and Howard Wharton $62.50.

Paul Wharton graduates from the seminary this year. Lawrence Vosseler has informally made application for aid next year. The committee voted to allow him $100.00 for the year.

Howard Wharton was granted a year's leave of absence.

The treasurer makes the following report:

Receipts

Balance on hand June 1, 1937	$314.37
Receipts from Synodical Treasurer	594.56
	$908.93

Disbursements

By Check to Beneficiaries	$287.50
Balance on hand April 30, 1938	621.43
	$908.93

C. B. Harman, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on New Congregations and Pastortal Charges was presented by Dr. W. T. Kahse.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND PASTORAL CHARGES

Your Committee reports:

Trinity Lutheran Church of Beatrice desired to have their constitution to harmonize with that of our Synod. Instead of amending it they secured a model constitution approved by the Executive Board of the U. L. C. A. It being in accord with the constitution of the Synod, it was returned to the congregation with the committee's approval.

Respectfully submitted,
W. T. Kahse, Chairman

The Report of the Protocol Committee was presented by the Rev. W. S. Livers. The recommendations were adopted seriatim and as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL

Your committee has examined and compared the Protocol and the printed minutes of the 65th annual convention of Synod.

We find the following appearing in the printed minutes but omitted from the Protocol:

On the Roll of Synod,—St. John's congregation of Vacoma, under the name of Rev. W. W. Alexander, and Emanuel, of Tekamah as vacant.

A number of errors of minor importance were discovered. These are being referred to the Secretary of Synod for correction.

The Record of Lay Delegate attendance was not tabulated in the printed minutes, therefore

We RECOMMEND: 1. That hereafter the record of Lay Delegate attendance be tabulated on the Lay Delegate roll.

2. That the above mentioned omissions for the Protocol be supplied.

Respectfully submitted,
THE COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL
Wallace S. Livers, Chairman

The Report of the Synodical Paper Committee was presented by President J. C. Hershey. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL PAPER COMMITTEE

The "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" was published four times since the last meeting of Synod at a cost of $366.00 or less than five cents to send the paper into each of the 7,300 homes of our Synod.

The members of the "Synodical Paper Committee" will be three reporters of this Synodical Convention to the public press and official church papers.

Recommendation

That, the "Nebraska Synod Lutheran" be continued and published quarterly under the direction of the committee on "Synodical Paper," with the understanding that the committee keep in mind the instruction given in the Constitution of our Synod, Article 9, Section (k), Page 29.

J. C. Hershey

A motion carried that the question of the publication of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act.

The tellers reported that 70 votes had been cast for Rev. Rinde for Secretary. This vote being a necessary majority the President declared Rev. Rinde elected Secretary.

Mr. C. W. Motter, Secretary of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce, was introduced to Synod and brought greetings.

A motion carried that the matter of the proposed merger of the Synods of Iowa, Kansas, Midwest and Nebraska be made the order of business at once.

Dr. F. W. Nolte, President of the Midwest Synod, Dr. Martin Schroeder, Missionary for the Board of American Missions of the U. L. C. A., and Dr. A. E. Bell, a representative for the Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America, were introduced to Synod.

Dr. F. W. Nolte brought greetings from the Midwest Synod.

Dr. A. E. Bell, as Chairman of the Committee on Constitutent Synods in the United Lutheran Church in America, spoke to the Synod on the proposed merger of the four Synods on this territory.

The tellers reported 72 votes cast for Mr. F. E. Wood for Treasurer. This vote being a necessary majority for election, the President declared Mr. Wood elected Treasurer.

The tellers reported 52 votes cast for Rev. W. H. Saas for Statistician. This being a necessary majority for election, the President declared Rev. Saas elected Statistician.

The session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. Geo. Flora.

THURSDAY NOON

Immediately following lunch the Rev. G. E. Moeller extended the felicitations of Synod to the Rev. C. P. Tranberg who observes the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of his Ordination this year. The Rev. Tranberg responded.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The Synod re-convened Thursday afternoon at 1:50. Prayer was offered by the Rev. C. H. Berhenke.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order of business for the session.

The Rev. F. W. Henkel, a pastor in the Texas Synod, was introduced and brought greetings.

Dr. C. C. Watkins, President of the Ministerial Association in Fremont, was introduced to Synod and extended greetings of the Association.

Dr. A. F. Ragatz, representative of the American Bible Society, was introduced to Synod and spoke on the work being done by the Society.

The tellers reported 49 votes cast for Dr. L. M. Kuhns for Historian. This being a necessary majority for election, the President declared Dr. Kuhns elected Historian.

Dr. A. E. Bell gave an extended report on the work of the Boards of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The tellers reported that President J. C. Hershey, Secretary T. D. Rinde and Dr. P. W. H. Frederick had been elected as three of the five clerical delegates to the 1938 Convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

The tellers reported 38 votes cast for Dr. W. H. Traub as clerical member on the Synodical Executive Committee. This vote being a necessary majority for election, the President declared Dr. Traub elected to the Executive Committee.

Mrs. F. C. Wiegman, Vice-President of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society, was introduced to Synod and brought greetings from the Missionary Society. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis responded to these greetings.

Mayor Fred Drew of Fremont was introduced and brought greetings to Synod from the city of Fremont.

The tellers reported the election of the Rev. A. W. Young as the fourth clerical delegate to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

Dr. Holmes Dysinger, Professor Emeritus of the Western Theological Seminary, Dr. Christian Sick and Rev. J. Kupfer were introduced to Synod.

Greetings were read from the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States and from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

The Report of the Missionary Committe was presented by President Hershey. The Report of the Auditing Committee for the Treasurer of the Missionary Committee was adopted.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE

Three regular and three special meetings were held. The officers are Mr. Otto Nelson, President; Mr. Albert Hedelund, Treasurer; and J. C. Hershey, Secretary and Missionary Superintendent. Following is a report of the activities for the year.

Broadwater. Organized July, 1934. Rev. E. F. Rohlfing accepted a call to this mission and began his services September 1, 1937. Under his efficient leadership this mission is making a very substantial growth. Reports show increases in attendance, membership and finances.

Columbus. Organized 1931. Rev. E. A. Dorner has been the pastor since December 2, 1936. The average church attendance has risen from 49 to 65. Average S. S. attendance has increased from 31 to 41 during the past year. Receipts in money also show an increase. The communing membership now is 75. Enrollment in S. S. is 48.

Scribner. Organized April, 1935. Rev. A. W. Young is the pastor. Considering that this congregation has been meeting in a theater building for worship, it has had a remarkable growth since its organization. Though the pastor is laboring under difficulties, the future of this mission is very encouraging. Pastor Young also serves a congregation at Snyder.

Spencer. Organized April, 1930. Rev. A. L. Mendenhall is the successor of Rev. R. V. Davis who accepted a call to Paxton. This congregation has suffered from drouth and grasshoppers more than any other parish in our synod. This has not stopped them in their progress. They have recently purchased a parsonage for the small price of $1,200. We are told that this parsonage, during prosperous years, could not have been bought for less than $4,000. The house is in good condition and four blocks from the church. This congregation is prepared to pay to the Board of Church Extension of the U. L. C. A. the last installment due on their church building. The money is in the treasury and will be paid the first of July.

Ericson. This congregation has been ably supplied through the winter and spring months by student Paul Wharton. Rev. E. N. Haugse, who accepted a call to Wolbach May 1, will also serve the Ericson congregation. This small mission increased its contributions from $100 to $200. The mission committee of our Synod is contributing $120 per year. There is a great desire on the part of this church for regular services.

Luther Memorial, Omaha. Organized and became a member of the Nebraska Synod May, 1936. At present this congregation worships in a chapel located on 52nd and Dodge Sts. Rev. G. E. Moeller became the first regular pastor of this mission by accepting a unanimous call October 24, 1937. This congregation has bought three lots on 53rd and Seward and are all paid for. They are now planning and hoping for a new church home of their own. Under the leadership of Rev. Moeller they are making real progress.

The work at Dakota City Emmanuel has been reopened. Students from the Seminary have been supplying this congregation regularly since Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday Dr. Luther M. Kuhns confirmed two young people who had been instructed by Mrs. Elizabeth Neiswanger during the year. He also administered communion. There has been an average attendance of 27 at services.

A call has come from Lisco for services. As soon as time permits this field will be canvassed and if there is a sufficient number of people interested in a Lutheran Church, services will be arranged for.

The Board of American Missions of the U. L. C. A. is helping our mission work to the extent of $1,960 this year. This amount is distributed among four congregations, Spencer $380; Broadwater $480; Scribner $500 and Luther Memorial $600.

We hereby express our gratitude to the Board of American Missions for their financial support. We also thank the students and professors for their help from the Seminary and College who have sent people to preach in many of our churches during the year, with but little remuneration.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,
J. C. Hershey, Secretary

THE MISSIONARY COMMITTEE TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Period April 1, 1937 to April 28, 1938, Inclusive

Depository: United States National Bank, Omaha, Nebr.

Receipts

Checking Account

Received from Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska on regular apportionment	$1,051.97
Received offering from Sutherland, Nebraska	5.91
Received refund from Board of American Missions a/c interest for St. James', Lincoln	275.90
Total receipts during this period	$1,333.78
Balance on hand April 1, 1937	246.94
Receipts plus balance	$1,580.72

Disbursements

Meals for Committee Members	$ 11.70
Traveling Expense Committee Members	28.15
Bank Debits—Service charges and excess checks	7.12
New Work, David City, Nebraska	10.00
E. A. Dorner—Salary 13 months	520.00
W. I. Guss—Salary 3 1/5 months	105.00
Supply Pastors and expense items, Sutherland, Nebraska	16.75
Supply Pastors and expense items, Ericson, Nebraska	107.50
Clarence Alexander—Special aid at Lewellen, Nebraska	100.00
Supply Pastor—Dakota City, Nebraska	3.50
J. C. Hershey—Salary 9 months	225.00
Supply Pastors and expense items, Broadwater, Nebraska	7.75
Supply Pastors and expense items, Wolbach, Nebraska	5.00
G. E. Moeller—Omaha—Salary 6⅓ months	253.33
Treasurer's Bond	5.00
Total Disbursements during this period	$1,405.80
$1,580.72 less $1,405.80 leaves balance on hand in CHECKING ACCOUNT	174.92
	$1,580.72

Savings Account

April 1, 1937 to April 28, 1938, inclusive

Receipts

Interest on account for one year at 1%	$ 5.39
Balance on hand April 1, 1937	538.64
Balance on hand April 28, 1938	$544.03

Disbursements

None

Balance on hand April 28, 1938	$544.03
TOTAL MONEY ON HAND April 28, 1938—	
IN CHECKING ACCOUNT	174.92
IN SAVINGS ACCOUNT	544.03
TOTAL	$718.95

Respectfully submitted,
Albert Hedelund, Treasurer

Omaha, Nebraska, May 23, 1938

Missionary Committee
Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

This is to advise you that I have audited the books of your Treasurer. I have compared his records with those of the United States National Bank of Omaha, where the accounts are kept.

I find the accounts to be correct and in balance.

The balance in the checking account as of April 30, 1938, is $174.92.

The balance in the savings account as of April 30, 1938, is $544.03.

The total balance on hand in the two accounts is $718.95.

I wish to commend your Treasurer upon the fact that the records are so well and neatly kept.

Yours very truly,
V. B. Elseffer, Auditor

The Report of the Foreign Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. E. F. Rohlfing.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS

Your committee sent a special letter during the Epiphany season to all pastors and Sunday school superintendents of the Synod emphasizing the appeal of the Board of Foreign missions. Through the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, we endeavored to keep before our pastors the pressing problems and tremendous opportunities of the foreign fields.

We urge that all congregations organize a mission study class at some time during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. Pinkall

The Report of the Inner Mission Committee was presented by the Rev. W. A. Klink.

REPORT OF INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Inner Mission is a Congregational program, an expression of the whole Christian work on the part of the individual.

The Inner Mission Committee of the Congregation should represent all organizations of the Church. A representative from each society.

The primary purpose of the Inner Mission Committee is to present the Anniversary Appeal in 1938 through:

I 1. Personal evangelism.
2. Formation of Sabaoth Bands to distribute literature on appeal.
3. The continuation of Sabaoth Bands after appeal is over.

II The individual who joins these Bands makes a solemn declaration and pledge, namely: a. Witness in Word. b. Personal testimony to those who have not accepted Christ, and who are felt to be the responsibility of his congregation. c. Personal testimony to the lax or indifferent in his congregation; the unbaptized; unconfirmed, non-communing.

III Witness in Deeds: Distribution of tracts and other Christian literature in the interests of his Church. Relief work in the Parish; distribution of supplies to the needy; transportation of the incapacitated to the services of the Church.

IV Witness in Service: Personal assistance in the development of Christian character. Boy Scouts; Girl Scouts; parent and child relationship; other human relationships; housing; home-building; recreation; helping others to help themselves.

Another task which the Inner Mission Committee has set for itself is to bring back lapsed members. There are 362,000 lapsed members in the United Lutheran Church in America. Why? This is a problem for the Inner Mission Committee to work out. The general work of the Committee is to take care of needs of Churches in places of disaster. Disaster relief in general; drouth relief; flood relief, etc.

To take care of the needs of the Church in supplying the Gospel for deaf and blind.

To take care of the needs of the Church in Social Settlement Work.

We are all interested in Home Mission work; in Foreign Mission work but are very little interested in Inner Mission work. By the report which is here presented we get a faint glimpse of what is included in Inner Mission work. It is truly a part of the "whole program of the whole church."

Inner Mission work dare not be neglected. Other agencies of the church should not be advanced at the expense of Inner Mission work.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. Klink

The Report of the Inter-Synodical Mission Committee was presented by President Hershey.

REPORT OF THE INTER-SYNODICAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

The Inter-Synodical Joint Committee on Missions met at Midland College, Fremont, at 10 A. M., April 25, 1938. There were present from the Midwest Synod, J. Schrader, F. C. Schuldt, and M. Schroeder; from the Nebraska Synod, J. C. Hershey and Otto Nelson.

Temporary officers elected were J. C. Hershey, chairman and M. Schroeder, Secretary.

Temporary officers were made permanent.

Resolved to petition respective Synods not to allow frequent changes in the personnel of this committee except for good and sufficient reasons.

M. Schroeder was authorized to develop work in Southwestern part of State, in and around Lyons, and in Washington County. The Nebraska Synod was authorized to investigate and if advisable start work in Lisco, David City, Superior, Alliance, Scottsbluff, Gering, Mitchell, Bridgeport and Clarks.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

The Report of the Trustees on the Midland College Board was presented by the Rev. W. A. Klink. Dr. H. F. Martin, President of Midland College, was heard in connection with this Report. Dr. Martin also reported on a Special Plan being proposed by the College by which a representative of Midland College would spend a period of time in different congregations to help the pastors promote a spiritual advance program. Details of this plan may be secured by addressing President Martin or the Rev. L. A. Swan, Field Secretary for Midland College.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

Fifty years of Christian achievement, the commemoration of which was begun last year May 2nd. Various programs as suggested with last year's reports were given. The last and concluding program began May 27th, 1938.

Finances

Your trustees ask your undivided attention in the consideration of this important item. First the funds raised through the campaign. The goal was $137,500. This total was divided as follows:

A.	Large givers	$ 35,000
B.	Nebraska Synod	30,000
C.	Kansas Synod	15,000
D.	City of Fremont	25,000
E.	California Synod	8,000
F.	Alumni	7,000
G.	Texas Synod	5,000
H.	Rocky Mountain Synod	2,500
I.	Midwest Synod	10,000
	Total	$137,500

The total amount received from all sources is $10,021.93. and is divided as follows:

Midwest Synod $214.50; Rocky Mountain Synod $583.20; Nebraska Synod $4,392.75; Kansas Synod $4,066.05; California Synod $895.65; Texas Synod $674.03 and the Pacific Synod $3.45.

The expenses from March 1st to May 31st, 1937 are $2,444.15. The expenses from July 1st, 1937, to April 1st, 1938, are $3,551.70. The total for both periods is $5,995.85. Or a balance of $4,823.78.

The total amount in Jubilee Fund up to date is $5,820.29.

BALANCE SHEET

Semester ending January 19, 1938

Assets

Endowment and Special Funds			
Loans on Real Estate	$58,342.72		
Securities	29,305.35		
Midland College Bonds	1,000.00		
Farm Lands, City Prop.	81,148.00	$169,796.07	
Cash on Deposit—			
Endowment	548.66		
Other Funds	423.10	971.76	
Notes Rec'able Student Aid		1,217.50	
Due from General Fund		3,217.53	$175,256.86
Property Funds			
Land, Bldgs. and Equip.		388,905.06	
Rental Properties		9,800.00	
Land Sales Contracts		533.25	
Cash on Deposit		18.09	
Cash on Deposit—Jubilee		3,468.21	
Securities—Jubilee		1.00	
Due from other Funds		11,450.14	414,175.75
Current Operating Funds			
Cash on Hand and on Dep.		1,258.99	
Securities		100.00	
Notes Receivable—Students	11,754.36		
Allowance for doubtful	6,383.51	5,370.85	
Inventories—			
Book Store		1,433.60	

Dining Hall		623.25	
Due from other Funds		13,921.85	
Expenses deferred		3,845.42	26,553.96
			$615,986.57

Liabilities

Endowment and Special Funds			
General Endowments		$100,170.00	
Seminary Endowments		29,044.35	
Specific Endowments		34,630.00	
Annuity Funds		500.00	
Scholarship Funds		6,000.00	
Student Aid Funds		1,694.60	
Mortgages Payable		3,217.53	$175,256.86
Property Funds			
1st Mortgage Bonds—Outstanding		62,900.00	
Notes payable		6,673.33	
Notes or Bonds on Girls Dorm.		545.00	
Surplus		340,558.21	
Surplus—Jubilee		3,469.21	414,175.75
Current Operating Funds			
Due to Endowment Fund		3,217.53	
Notes payable		17,300.00	
Accounts payable		6,548.21	
Accrued payroll		6,700.18	
Student Deposits		422.06	
Special Funds for Seminary		622.71	
Receipts deferred		243.75	
Accumulated Net Deficit	-572.66		
Current Operating Net Deficit	-8,127.82		
	-8,700.48		
Transferred from Christian Education Fund	200.00	-8,500.48	26,553.96
			$615,986.57

INCOME AND EXPENSE

Income

Departmental			
College	$19,468.02		
School of Music	1,095.95		
Seminary	82.50		
Extension School	587.00		
Dining Hall	7,980.45		
Dormitories	2,181.50		
Book Store	3,069.65		
Total		$34,465.07	
Other Income			
Teachers Placement Bureau	25.00		
Sundry Fees	29.00		
Endowment Fund Interest	1,476.18		
Board of Ed. of U. L. C.	3,500.00		
Rentals	1,438.29		
Synod Apportionment	3,338.55		
Special Contributions	7.00		
Sundry Income	17.42		
Total		$ 9,831.44	$44,296.51

	Expense		
Departmental			
College	$19,277.09		
School of Music	2,058.14		
Seminary	2,328.00		
Extension School	420.35		
Summer School	9.95		
Dining Hall	7,684.15		
Dormitories	588.40		
Book Store	2,953.40		
Total		$35,319.48	
	Indirect Expense		
Administrative and General			
Executive Offices	3,109.79		
Publicity	1,517.32		
Field	1,182.45		
General	3,029.55		
Registrar's Office	515.43		
Library	973.21		
Teachers Placement Bureau	18.10		
Jubilee Celebration	685.03	$11,030.88	
Operation and Maintenance			
College	**4,791.46**		
Other Properties	751.39	5,542.85	51,893.21
			$ -7,596.70
	For Specially Designated Objects		
Income			
Athletics Assoc. Dues	843.00		
Football	1,587.42		
Basketball	137.00		
Track and Tennis	7.96		
Forensics	210.75		
The Midland	463.76		
Dramatics	244.05		
A Cappella Choir	374.91		
Student Council	281.00	4,149.85	
Expense			
Football	2,553.09		
Basketball	454.51		
Track and Tennis	29.25		
Misc. Athl. Expense	354.72		
The Midland	703.22		
Forensics	43.18		
Dramatics	277.71		
A Cappella Choir	92.29		
Student Council	173.05	4,680.97	
For Specially Designated Objects—Net Deficit			-531.12
Current Operating net deficit for 1st semester 1937-38			$ -8,127.82

Enrollment

Midland enrolled 304 students listed as follows: 38 Seniors, 45 Juniors, 67 Sophomores, 140 Freshmen and 14 irregular. Of five denominational colleges in the state Midland was the only one that did not show an increase.

Faculty

There are 26 who are actually teaching in the different departments. Dr. Martin's position of course is that of administrative; Mr. Hall teaches Junior piano and Mr. Widegren is instructor in violin and are not listed as actually teaching.

The department which is the least encouraging is the voice department, only 6 students being listed. To bolster this department it was decided that each student trying out for the Acapella choir be required to pay $7.50 per semester. In the past only students taking voice were required to pay for their lessons. Now all will be required to pay for their voice training.

Dormitories

It is well known that the men's dormitory was not fit for human habitation. As soon as satisfactory bids can be furnished this building will be razed.

The dormitory housing young women is not completely filled this year for the following reasons: the rooms on the north cannot be adequately heated; more economical to live off the campus; disagreeableness of the Dean, and because men students live off the campus the young women think they should have the same privilege.

Student Attitude

In spite of the action of the Board of Trustees in deciding that there shall be no dances held on the campus sponsored by any group there is still an agitation. The opinion is that this condition is due to the fact that it is being kept alive by various members of the faculty. This is a known fact because three members of the discipline committee are in favor of dancing.

The above situation should be thoroughly investigated.

Western Seminary

There were eight in the Seminary this year. Three of these are seniors and will graduate this spring. There are five who are juniors. There were no middlers. The Seminary has six professors and lecturers. Four give their full time to teaching, two give special lectures through the year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. Klink

The tellers reported the Rev. H. Dumler elected as the fifth clerical delegate to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

The Report of the Committee in charge of the Promotional Program of the U. L. C. A. in our Synod was presented by President Hershey.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON U. L. C. A. "PROMOTIONAL PROGRAM"

Meetings were held from the 9th to the 12th of September, 1937. Synod was divided in ten districts as follows: Auburn, Lincoln, York, Grand Island, Emerson, Omaha, Fremont, Oshkosh, Sidney and North Platte. Wherever conveniently located, congregations of the Mid-West Synod, met with the Nebraska Synod congregations. Dr. Gould Wickey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the U. L. C. A., and Rev. Harmon J. McGuire, pastor at St. Joseph, Mo., were the outside speakers and Dr. W. H. Traub and Dr. G. Keller Rubrecht the main speakers from our Synod. Many other pastors and laymen had part in presenting the "Whole Program of the

Whole Church" to the workers in our congregations. 977 church workers attended these meetings, not including those for the Mid-West Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
J. C. Hershey

The Report of the Trustees of Tabitha Home was presented by the Rev. R. E. Rangeler. Synod endorsed the proposed appeal for $100,000 to be made throughout Tabitha Home territory for a new Main Building. Dr. M. A. Ritzen, Superintendent of Tabitha Home was heard in connection with this Report.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TABITHA HOME

For another year the grace of a kind Heavenly Father has sustained us in the work of our Inner Mission Institution, Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska. Prayers have been abundantly answered and the physical needs of the institution have been supplied by the kind hand of God.

During the year many necessary repairs have been made. A mortgage of $950.00 was paid on one of our many properties received through the Aged Department. $3,334.96 was transferred to the Building Fund, still leaving a balance and a current fund of $862.71. The income through bequests and wills exceeds that of 1936.

The institution ministered to 77 aged and 70 children during the year. Thirteen aged passed away during 1937. The health of Tabitha Family has been good and no serious illness occurred throughout the year. It is a remarkable fact that in all the years that Tabitha Home has been connected with our Church, not a single death occurred among the children. The Home is sincerely thankful to God for His care in behalf of these children.

The new girls' cottage, Bethel, was completed in September and dedicated September 10. The building gives full satisfaction and no important mistakes have been made in its erection. The building was erected at a cost of $21,400.00. The rooms were furnished mostly by congregations and individuals.

The greatest need of Tabitha Home is a new Main Building. The old building was erected in 1892 and requires constant repairs. There are but few single bed rooms in the building, which is by no means an ideal situation. The Board asks the endorsement of the Synods for an appeal throughout Tabitha Home territory for $100,000.00 in 1940, in order that a new Main Building may become a possibility.

It is hoped that the Synod of Nebraska will continue to support Tabitha as it has in the past. Our work becomes greater each year as many aged find themselves destitute and the receipts through the Aged Department are becoming less each year. Many applications must be refused because of lack of room.

Respectfully submitted,
R. E. Rangeler

The Report of the Committee on Student Work in non-Lutheran Schools was presented by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht. The Rev. W. C. Heidenreich spoke concerning the work being done among the Lutheran students at Wayne Normal. The Rev. R. E. Rangeler, Lutheran Student Secretary at the University of Nebraska, spoke to this Report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK IN NON-LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONS

Through the splendid work of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church, the whole Church has come to see the vital importance of Student Work in Non-Lutheran educational institutions.

Student work at the University of Nebraska continues to be carried on under the guidance of a joint committee of pastors and laymen representing synods of the United Lutheran Church, the Augustana Synod, the United Danish Synod and the American Lutheran Church. Lincoln is the only university center with this type of control set-up. The committee meets monthly in the Temple Building in the office of Rev. Ralph Rangeler, the Student Secretary.

During the school year 1937-1938, 520 students listed the Lutheran Church as the church of their preference, divided as follows: Missouri 149, United Lutheran Church 131, Augustana Synod 77, American Lutheran Church 26, United Danish Synod 15, preference only 36, Swedish Mission, Norwegian, Foreign, Evangelical listed as Lutheran, other states and unclassified 86.

This committee serves all the students of Lutheran preference with the exception of the Missouri Synod students, which synod maintains a full time Student Pastor on the campus. The work of the committee continues to be church centered and seeks to establish contacts between the student and the local church. A reception is given at the opening of the school year—always well attended—a list of Lutheran students is prepared for the use of each local pastor, contacts are made as rapidly as possible and the sponsorship of the local Student Club is assumed. The Lutheran Student Club is affiliated with the Lutheran Student Association of America and the 1938 regional conference of the L. S. A. A. will be held at Nebraska "U" with our Lutheran students as hosts.

The Secretary gives but part time to this work on a salary of $300.00 per year, but seeks to aid and assist our Lutheran students in every possible way. The University shows interest in this work by providing office space in the Temple Building, phone rent being the only item of expense in this connection.

The Committee has set up a budget of $445.00 for the year 1938-1939. The working budget is then set up on the basis of funds allotted for the work. The Committee would again ask for your continued interest and financial support as indicated in the following budget: Board of Education. U. L. C. A. $200.00; Synod of Nebraska, U. L. C. A. $100.00; Augustana Conference $50.00; American Lutheran Church $20.00; United Danish Synod $25.00; Synod of the Midwest, U. L. C. A. $50.00.

During the past year successful Lutheran Student Work has been resumed at Wayne State Teachers College. Outstanding was a Fellowship Meeting with Lutheran Students from Midland College and nearby high schools present.

G. K. Rubrecht, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Conference Minutes was presented by the Rev. E. A. Dorner. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE MINUTES

Having examined the 1937 minutes of the three Conferences your committee has found nothing that conflicts with the constitution of the Synod.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Secretary of Synod be instructed to send to each of the secretaries of the Conferences a notice, three

weeks prior to meeting of Synod, reminding them of the constitutional requirement to bring to Synod the minutes of the Conference for examination by the Committee on Conference minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgar A. Dorner

The Report of the Committee on Architecture was presented. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE

Your committee begs leave to report, that it has nothing to report.

Recommendation: that the office of the committee on architecture be abolished. (Inasmuch as it has been in existence for years and has not been consulted.)

Geo. E. Mortensen, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on President's Report was presented by the Rev. H. Dumler. The recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your Committee has examined the report of the President of Synod and find that he has been very faithful in the discharge of his duties during the first year of his office in the Nebraska Synod. He has been very busy getting familiar with his new task and so many changes in pastors has placed an extra amount of work upon him.

The Committee has examined the recommendations submitted in the report and recommends that they be approved by Synod. However, the Committee asks for information on Recommendation No. 4: Does not the Missionary Committee already have this power to act without this Recommendation?

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Dumler, Chairman

The Report of the State Brotherhood was presented by Mr. W. F. Kedde, President of the Brotherhood.

REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA STATE BROTHERHOOD

In the latter part of August, 1937, a letter was sent to each pastor, or leading laymen, in the congregation, with the request for information in regards to their Brotherhood, on a self-addressed postal card; of which about 65% were returned. This information, together with the information in the parochial Report of the 65th Annual Convention of Synod, was forwarded to the Brotherhood Headquarters of the U. L. C. A. A few days later a letter was received from the Executive Secretary, stating that there was a discrepancy, due to the fact that perhaps Brotherhoods or Men's organizations had been reported to the Synod which did not function. In order to avoid further mistakes, may we request for a correct report, for our own files and information, also for the National Brotherhood.

September 14. 1937. a Brotherhood was organized in York, which has made itself felt in this congregation, as it was reported by their pastor, Rev. M. B. Simon.

We visited several other congregations, and spoke to the men,

and hope and pray that they may also organize Brotherhoods.

October 7 and 8, 1937, I was the only Nebraska delegate of the U. L. C. A. at the convention of The American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods, held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Delegates were present from every Lutheran Synodical body in the United States and Canada, with the exception of the Synodical Conference. A close harmony did prevail, and may we be so frank as to make the statement, that if it was up to the laymen of the Church, there would be only one or two different Synodical bodies, instead of seventeen, as there are at the present time. District Brotherhood meetings were suggested at this convention, in which every Lutheran man, regardless of Synodical affiliation, should be invited to promote closer co-operation. Letters to this effect were sent to each pastor of our Nebraska Synod, to which the Brotherhood of South Sioux City responded by calling a meeting for April 6, 1938. However, the weather did not permit the holding of this meeting. May we hope for your co-operation and help to put this over with God's help. Word was received from the U. L. C. A. Brotherhood Headquarters, that the State Brotherhood of our Synod, as well as of the Midwest Synod, are entitled to fifteen delegates to the Convention which will be held at Baltimore, Maryland, October 2-4, 1938. Any Brotherhood wishing to send a delegate, confer with me, as this office is appointed to take care of this matter. In as much as we are planning to be at this convention, a part is assigned to me on the program.

Also a campaign is on for getting subscriptions for our official Brotherhood paper, "Lutheran Men". Mr. A. W. Augustine of Stromsburg, our Secretary, will be in charge of this campaign.

In as much as it is the plan of the National Brotherhood, that each local Brotherhood should be a member of the State Brotherhood, a plan is proposed to have our State Brotherhood Treasurer collect the dues for both the State and National Brotherhoods; as many organizations are under the impression, that by paying dues to the National organization, no dues are necessary for the State Brotherhood.

Many of these points will be discussed in our State Brotherhood convention, the first week of August, 1938.

May the Lord bless you all in this convention of our Synod, thanking your Executive Committee for the privilege of having the evening of June 2, for our Laymen's Banquet. That we may work together as Synod and Brotherhood to the furthering of the Kingdom of our Lord and Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. F. Kedde, President

The tellers reported that Dr. G. K. Rubrecht, Dr. C. B. Harman and Dr. W. T. Kahse were elected as the first three alternate clerical delegates to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

A motion carried that Synod re-convene after the Laymen's Banquet to finish the business of the Convention.

The session adjourned with prayer by the Rev. J. S. Rhine.

Executive Session

The adjourned meeting of the Executive Session was called to order by President Hershey at 5:10 p. m. Prayer was offered by the Rev. W. H. Saas.

The Examining Committee presented a supplementary Report. The recommendation was adopted. The Report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINING COMMITTEE

The Examining Committee met May 31 at 9:30 A. M. at the Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska. The following members were present: G. K. Rubrecht, G. B. Weaver, W. A. Voss, J. C. Miller, G. Gieschen, and A. W. Young.

The candidates presenting themselves for examination were: Leeland Soker, Vance Baird, Paul Wharton, and Calvin J. Naugle.

On Wednesday, June 1, the committee met with Mr. Patrick Megalee of New Amsterdam, British Guiana. Mr. Megalee has received a call from the United Lutheran Mission Field in British Guiana. He will labor under the Rev. P. O. Machetzki who is a member of the Nebraska Synod. At the direction of the Board of Foreign Missions, Mr. Megalee asks that authority be granted to Rev. Machetzki to ordain him.

The committee recommends the following:

1. Leeland Soker passed in a satisfactory manner the examination and has received a call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Laramie, Wyoming. We recommend that he be ordained at this convention of synod.

2. Vance Baird passed in a satisfactory manner the examination and has received a call to First English Lutheran Church, Rising City, Nebraska. We recommend that he be ordained at this convention of synod.

3. Paul Wharton passed in a satisfactory manner the examination and has received a call to become a field missionary of the Board of American Missions. We recommend that he be ordained at this convention of synod.

4. That Calvin J. Naugle, having presented a certificate of examination from the Synod of Ohio and having received a call from Kountze Memorial Church at Omaha, be ordained in Omaha.

5. That Patrick Megalee, having passed a satisfactory examination in the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, and having received a regular call to the United Lutheran Mission Field, British Guiana, authority be granted to Rev. P. O. Machetzki to proceed with his ordination.

The Committee met June 2nd at 1:30 P. M.

The Rev. Frank S. Delo, serving as supply pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska, seeks admission to the Nebraska Synod and presented a certificate of dismissal from the Synod of Ohio. We recommend that he be received into synod.

During the year the committee examined the credentials of the following men seeking admission into our synod, and they were approved by the committee: Rev. Geo. Krebs from the Rocky Mountain Synod. Rev Sherman Frederick from the Kansas Synod, and Rev. H. A. Teckhaus from the Synod of the Midwest.

G. K. Rubrecht, Chairman

A motion carried to reconsider the action taken by Synod on the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

A motion carried that the Ministerial Education Committee recommend Mr. Karl Gigstad to the Com-

mittee on Ministerial Education of the Synod of Kansas and Adjacent States for aid for one year.

A motion carried that the appropriation made by the Ministerial Education Committee to Student Lawrence Vosseler be approved.

A motion carried that Synod adjourn the Executive Session to re-convene in regular session. Prayer was offered by Dr. G. K. Rubrecht.

Regular Session

The Synod convened in regular session again at 5:25 p. m.

The Committee on Reference and Counsel read the order of business for the session.

The following action was adopted on the proposed merger of the Synods on this territory: Whereas, Negotiations by a properly authorized Committee have been carried on with similar Committees of the other Synods included in the proposed merger of Synods of the U. L. C. A., and,

Whereas, we have heard Dr. Alvin E. Bell present this matter from the view point of the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America, therefore,

Be it moved, that we favor the idea of a merger of the Kansas, Iowa, Midwest and Nebraska Synods, and that we authorize the Executive Committee of our Synod to appoint a Committee of three to continue negotiations with the representatives of the other Synods, and to report their findings at the next annual meeting of the Synod of Nebraska.

The Report of the Committee on Evangelism was presented. The Recommendation was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

For the Synodical year just passed, your Committee recommended two objectives, "family devotion in every family" and evangelization by supporting "the whole program of the whole church.'

The campaign of the Board of American Missions has been deferred to the summer and fall. The needs of our congregations and of those far beyond our bounds will be brought to the hearts of our people. No better opportunity could be wished for to enkindle anew the desire to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those who do not really have it—this campaign should be pre-eminently one of evangelism.

Your Committee therefore would recommend, that the efforts of pastors and congregations in the field of evangelism be concentrated on this campaign.

P. W. H. Frederick, Chairman

The Report of the Midland Assembly Board of Directors was presented by the Rev. T. D. Rinde.

REPORT OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The fifteenth annual Midland Assembly for Church Workers was held August 1-6, 1937. Besides the program for the Assembly proper, separate programs were offered for the Youth Assembly and for the Junior Assembly. It is becoming more and more true that "All ages meet at the Midland Assembly".

The Faculty was composed of the following leaders: Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Field Secretary of the Parish and Church School Board; Rev. A. M. Knudsen, Secretary of English Missions of the Board of American Missions; Rev. J. C. Hershey, Full-Time President of The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska; Rev. F. C. Wiegman, pastor at North Platte, Nebraska; Rev. E. G. Wood, missionary on furlough from India; Miss Faith Lippard, missionary on furlough from Japan; Dr. W. F. Rangeler, Dean of Western Seminary; Rev. D. L. McConnell, pastor at Rockport, Missouri; Mrs. D. L. McConnell, of Rockport, Missouri; Miss Amanda Jorn, of Falls City, Nebraska; Mrs. Ruth L. Stump, of Omaha, Nebraska.

Registrations reached a total of 372, the highest in the history of the Assembly.

The Annual Conventions of the Women's Missionary Society and the Lutheran Brotherhood were held during Assembly week. The Young Women's Congress was held on Wednesday, August 4.

The Midland Assembly will hold its Sixteenth Annual Session from July 31 to August 5, 1938. The Rev. R. H. Benting, D. D., pastor at Indianapolis, Indiana, will conduct "The Pastor's Hour"; the Credit Courses will be "Guiding Children in Christian Growth" taught by Miss Mabel Elsie Locker, Assistant Editor of The Parish and Church School Board, and "The Old Testament" taught by the Rev. A. S. Pannbacker, pastor at Hooper, Nebraska; discussion of the Mission Study Book "City Shadows" will be led by Mrs. John I. Meck of Racine, Wisconsin, Thank Offering Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. A.; Miss Edith Puls of Omaha, Nebraska, Mission Study Secretary of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society will lead the discussion of the book "Moving Millions"; the missionaries on the Assembly Faculty will be Dr. Arlene Beal, on furlough from India and Miss Mae Rohlfs, on furlough from China; the Junior Assembly will be under the direction of Miss Amanda Jorn, of Falls City, Nebraska. The Faculty is not quite complete yet.

The Women's Missionary Society and the Lutheran Brotherhood will hold their Annual Convention during Assembly week.

Thomas D. Rinde, President of Midland Assembly

The Report of the Young People's Committee was presented by the Rev. C. H. Berhenke. The recommendations were adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young People's Committee of Synod submits the following report of activtities for the past year.

An increased interest has been shown in the work with young people throughout the Synod this year. Because of this expressed interest and in response to it, this Committee has sent a letter concerning the Luther League Convention and Camp to all pastors, explaining the work and the organization of Camp. and inviting pastors to

send delegates to the Convention and Camp even though they do not have an organized or affiliated Luther League.

The Luther League at its last convention officially recognized the Young People's Committee as the official representative from the Nebraska Synod and expressed a desire to work with this Committee.

Four members of your Committee were present at the last Luther League Convention and Camp. Your Committee Chairman was the Camp Director.

Because Luther Leagues from the Synod of the Midwest are active in the Nebraska Luther League, the cooperation of the Young People's Committee of the Synod of the Midwest was invited. The chairman of the Young People's Committee of the Synod of the Midwest has expressed a personal interest and has consented to be present at the Luther League Camp and to take charge of the morning devotional period.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that the work with young people be encouraged by the pastors in their respective parishes.

2. We further recommend that fifteen dollars be allowed for the promotion of the work with young people in our Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. Berhenke, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Parish Education was presented by the Rev. W. H. Saas. The Recommendations were adopted. Dr. C. H. B. Lewis, Field Secretary for the Parish and Church School Board of the U. L. C. A., was heard in connection with this Report.

REPORT OF THE PARISH AND CHURCH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Your committee met at Fremont, Nebraska, November 5, 1937, with the following members present, C. H. Berhenke, J. C. Hershey, C. H. B. Lewis, E. G. Miller, E. F. Rohlfing and W. H. Saas.

At this meeting it was voted that the committee should make an earnest effort to promote the use of the Guide and Standards in Parish Education in every Church School in Synod. One committeeman from each Conference was made responsible for the promotional work in his Conference.

Postcards, letters and the Nebraska Synod Lutheran were used by the committee to promote this worth while project, with what success may be seen by the fact that our Synod stands third in the entire United Lutheran Church in the percentage of Church Schools using this material. 56% of our Church Schools are using it.

The committee also voted to recommend that the special synodical objective in the Guide and Standard in Parish Education be the support of the educational and inner mission institutions on the territory, as follows,

1. Contribution to Midland College and Western Seminary during their Golden Jubilee year campaign.

2. Contribution to Tabitha Home.

The executive committee of Synod approved this recommendation and it became the Synodical Objective for the first year.

Realizing that if "The Guide and Standards in Parish Education" should be adopted and used effectively by the Church Schools of our Synod better results would be secured through the work of Parish Education, we recommend,

1. That a place be given on the Conference programs for reports on the results of the use of the Guide and Standard the first year, and for an explanation of the Standards for the second year.

2. That Synod adopt a goal for the second year at this session.

3. And that Church Schools not using the Guide and Standards be encouraged to use them the second year.

And we further recommend,

1. That each pastorate make an earnest effort to observe Parish Education month in 1938.

2. And that each pastorate endeavor to have one or more Leadership Training classes during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
W. H. Saas, Chairman

The tellers reported that Messrs. Herman Stelk, Albert Hedelund and Wm. Hendy were elected as three lay delegates to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

The tellers reported that the Rev. W. H. Saas was elected as the fourth alternate clerical delegate.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was presented by the Rev. H. Dumler.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCH

Out of 58 churches 48 sent in their reports.
A study of the reports received shows:

Public Worship

Thirty-eight churches report one service a Sunday, six report two services, Kountze Memorial, four services, Falls City, two and three services, and Potter and Ericson, one service every other Sunday.

The attendance of 30 churches is increasing, 12 stationary, 2 decreasing, one "not much change", one, "was increasing". Two churches have part of their services in German. Thirty-nine use the Common Service Book. Six use the Book of Worship, one uses "a book of Hymns and the Services with music from the Common Service Book." Nine churches report Vesper services with a total attendance of 669. Forty-two churches show a total attendance of 4,004 at "The Service". Four churches hold mid-week services. Eleven churches have mid-week services during Lent. Six report their evening services in charge of the Young People or Luther League. Six churches report Family Worship observed extensively. Twenty-two report "not extensively".

Festival Seasons

All of the churches observe the main festivals of the Church Year. A few have added Thanksgiving and Children's Day. Forty-six stress and observe Lent and Holy Week.

Lutheran Practice

Forty-six report four communion services, two report three communion services. Six congregations hold separate preparatory services. Twenty-two churches plan for a two-year's course in catechetical instruction.

Sunday School

Lutheran Literature is used exclusively in 45 schools. Three are using it partly.

Three churches report no Adult Class in their school. Forty-

one churches report 77 Adult Classes with a total enrollment of 1,518. Four schools use the duplex envelopes. One school uses the duplex envelopes in the Primary Department.

Church Societies

One church reports its Young People Society entirely social in character. Sixteen churches report having difficulty in keeping the young people from drifting from the church. Eleven report Brotherhoods with a total membership of 249.

Church Finances

Methods used in raising money for current expenses and benevolence—"Council solicitation", "Every Member Canvass", "pledges", "subscriptions", "free-will offering", "special drives", "old style family donation", "church fair", "banquets", "contributions", "plate offering". Thirty-one conduct Every Member Visitation. A few have discontinued the Every Member Visitation during drought years. The total budget of nine churches for the teaching work of the churches is $1,948. Thirty-six churches pay the pastors salary regularly. The other churches pay, "as the treasurer gets it", "fairly", "irregularly", "nearly so", "not in recent years", "not at present", "whenever money is available", "whenever funds are on hand".

The following are reasons offered by the councils for not paying the Benevolence Quota in full: "no crops for seven years", "depression", "drought and crop failures", "insufficient funds", "too many members move away", "we did the best we could under financial conditions". "too high and our membership has too many large families", "too high", "people do not give enough to congregational expenses and benevolence", "too high for small congregation", "too many communing do not pay dues", "condition of the past years", "not sufficient membership", "drought, depression and recession", "people do not have it", "Finance Company dictates to us", "indifference", "lack of understanding", "spiritual lethargy and financial impoverishment", "big interest bearing debt".

Miscellaneous

A number of the pastors find the work more difficult due to prevailing conditions. A few find it less difficult.

Respectfully submitted,
Henry Dumler, Chairman.

A motion carried that the rules be suspended and that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the Rev. W. A. Klink as the clerical Trustee to the Midland College Board. The ballot was cast by the Secretary.

The tellers reported that the Rev. E. C. Mortensen was elected as the 5th alternate clerical delegate.

Mr. A. T. Yost was nominated for the three year term on the Midland College Board of Trustees. The rules were suspended and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Yost. The ballot was cast.

Mr. Charles Betke of Kountze-Memorial, Omaha, was nominated to fill the unexpired term of the late Mr. Harry Fischer on the Midland College Board of Trustees. The rules were suspended and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mr. Betke. The Secretary cast the ballot.

The tellers reported that Mr. Emil Ahrens and Mr. Palmer McGrew were elected as the fourth and fifth lay delegates to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

The Report of the Committee on Claims was presented by the Rev. G. Gieschen. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Your Committee on claims reports the following bills and moves they be allowed:

Belle Bliss, stenographic work	$9.50
A. H. Pinkall, postage	1.50
C. P. Tranberg, traveling expense	3.00
C. H. Berhenke, postage and travel expense	4.93

G. Gieschen

A motion carried that we reconvene immediately after the Laymen's Banquet.

The session adjourned at 6:25 p. m., prayer being offered by the Rev. L. H. de Freese.

Laymen's Banquet

A Laymen's Banquet was sponsored by the State Brotherhood on Thursday evening. The program was in charge of Mr. Herman Stelk. Mr. Paul Wiegman acted as toastmaster. Dr. A. E Bell was the principal speaker. President Wm. F. Kedde called attention to several matters pertaining to the Brotherhood work in the State. Dr. W. T. Kahse also spoke briefly with reference to the acceptance of a call to foreign mission service in the U. L. C. A. field in Liberia, Africa, by the Rev. George Flora, pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church at Oshkosh. Rev. Flora will be commissioned the latter part of June.

THURSDAY EVENING

The Synod re-convened at 9:05 p. m.

The tellers reported that Messrs. H. Fahrenbruch, O. E. Schellberg, W. W. Kuenning, Paul Mumford and Marius Christensen were elected as alternate lay delegates to the 1938 Convention of the U. L. C. A.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by Dr. C. H. B. Lewis. The Resolutions were adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Be it Resolved,

1. That we express our sincere thanks to the Reverend Dr. Alvin E. Bell, official representative of The United Lutheran Church in America, for his wise counsel and also for his helpful and stimulating messages during this Convention of Synod.

2. That we note with pleasure the presence of the Reverend Dr. F. W. Nolte, President of the Synod of the Midwest, and that we express our appreciation of the kindly spirit of his fraternal greeting.

3. That we express our appreciation not only of the presence of Mrs. C. E. Gardner, Litt. D.,President of the Women's Missionary Society of The United Lutheran Church in America and of Mrs. Fred C. Wiegman, Vice-President of the Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Nebraska, but also of their cordial and helpful messages.

4. That we have heard with pleasure and profit the informing message of the Reverend Dr. A. F. Ragatz, representative of the American Bible Society.

5. That we express our hearty thanks to the Reverend Fred C. Wiegman, pastor loci, to the choir, and all the members of Salem Lutheran Church who showed such cordial hospitality to the members of Synod and further ask that this resolution be conveyed to the congregation.

Chas. H. B. Lewis, Chairman

The Report of the Committee on Leave of Absence was presented by the Rev. W. C. Heidenreich. The Report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES

The following brethren of Synod have not been in attendance at any of the sessions of Synod but have sent valid excuses: Revs. S. L. Keller, O. D. Baltzly, C. H. Kemper, Geo. Mortensen, Geo. N. Mendenhall. We recommend they be excused.

Revs. W. M. Daubenspeck and W. J. Chittenden were absent without excuse.

Revs. W. H. Traub, C. M. N. Alexander, A. H. Pinkall, G. Gieschen and Henry Dumler have asked to be excused before the close of Synod. We recommend they be excused.

W. C. Heidenreich, Chairman

Invitations for the 1939 Convention of Synod were extended by the congregations at Hooper, Wilber and York.

A motion carried that the place receiving the plurality of votes be selected as the place for the next Annual Convention of the Synod.

The Rev. F. S. Delo was introduced to Synod as a new member of Synod.

A motion carried that the janitor of Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, Nebraska, be allowed $5.00.

A motion carried that the matter of having the Committee Reports for the next Convention of Synod printed or mimeographed be referred to the Executive Committee.

A motion carried that the Executive Committee be empowered to edit the Committee Reports for the printed Minutes.

A motion carried that all unfinished business be referred to the Executive Committee.

On a ballot vote York was selected as the place for the next Annual Convention of the Synod.

The reading of the Minutes of Thursday's Sessions was referred to the Executive Committee.

President Hershey installed the following officers:

Dr. C. B. Harman.....Vice-President

Rev. T. D. Rinde.....Secretary

Dr. L. M. Kuhns.....Historian

Rev. W. H. Saas.....Statistician

The Synod adjourned at 9:35 p. m., the Formal Order for the closing of Synods being used.

These Minutes are certified to be the correct record of the proceedings of the 66th Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, convening June 1 and 2, 1938, in the Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, Nebraska, the Rev. F. C. Wiegman, Pastor.

J. C. Hershey, President

Thomas D. Rinde, Secretary

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Index Number	Parish	Congregation	When Organized	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Confirmed	Communing	Contributing	Accessions: Child: Baptism	Adult: Otherwise	Adult: Baptism	Adult: Confirmation	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Child: Death	Child: Otherwise	Adult: Death	Adult: Certificate	Adult: Otherwise	Official Church Papers*	Church Schools: Sunday: Number	Sunday: Officers and Teachers	Sunday: Scholars	Sunday: Home Dep't.	Sunday: Cradle Roll	Weekday: Number	Weekday: Teachers	Weekday: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: Diaconate	Students: In Lutheran Institutions	Students: In Non-Lutheran Institutions
	North Platte Conference																																	
* 1	Allen	First	1912	Cress, F. L.	1	258	249	110	125	5	11		1	11	4				2	1	2	1	17	146	25	17	1	4	25	11	2	1	2
* 2	Columbus	United	1930	Dorner, E. A.	1	151	110	75	45	0	6	1	1	6	6		1	1			7	1	8	48						10			
3	Dakota City	Salem	1872	Weaver, G. B.	1	280	200	120	75	0	4			8				1			3	1	78	100		5				8			9
4	Dakota City	Emmanuel	1858	Vacant	1	43	28	7		8											1												
* 5	Emerson	St. Luke's	1911	Krebs, Geo.	1	677	435	162	235	5	8	1	1	13	2			2	1		12	1	16	105		15	1	14	121	40		1	5
* 6	Fremont	Salem	1903	Wiegman, F. C.	1	804	597	448	360	0												1	38	353	27	45	1	9	110	40	2	1	12	19
* 7	Homer	St. Paul's	1886	Frederick, S.	1	253	219	136	90	5	13	6	1	7	5			1	11	3			1	14	113		30	1	9	73	21				8
8	Hooper	Grace	1915	Alexander, W. W.	1	327	244	208	107	8	2		1	11	9				5	8		2	1	10	89			1	5	41	5		1	1
* 9	Hubbard	Trinity	1905	Frederick, S.	1	139	122	84	55	5	1				2				1	1				6	48							1	2
10	Leigh	St. John's	1918	Gieschen, G.	1	353	239	172	40	5	14	4		13				8	2		12	2	1	15	78		26				25			1
11	Omaha	First	1907	Berhenke, C. H.	1	717	433	310		5	20		3	35	13		1		2	9		10	1	34	280		51	1	18	120	45		1		1
12	Omaha	Grace	1889	Mortensen, G. E.	1	631	328	185			34	13	6	12	6	14	1	7	2	9	27		1	22	172						23			7
*13	Omaha	Kountze Mem.	1858	Traub, W. H.	1	6226	4534	2238	2230		115	80	35	135	52	23	5	85	32	42	37	52	4	90	1529		260				199	3			60
*14	Omaha	Luther Mem.	1936	Moeller, G. E.	1	39	36	35	29		1				3					5		4	1	3	20										5
15	Omaha	Redeemer	1917	Voss, W. A.	1	906	646	442	448	0	14	26	5	16	26	24	1		2	4		6	1	35	421		16	1	10	74	33				4
16	Omaha	St. Luke's	1905	Pinkall, A. H.	1	819	607	442	380		33	4	3	24	17	2	1	9	3	3	10	15	1	34	375		35	1	14	100	50		1	4	4
17	Omaha	St. Mark's	1886	Stump, W. C.	1	405	238	117	70		33		1	5	1	4		1	2	1	2	15	1	21	139		14	1	10	70	5			1	4
*18	Ponca	Salem	1866	Livers, W. S.	1	445	325	194	116	4	6	2	3	4	9				2	4		1	1	14	116		20	1	11	55	21				12
19	Scribner	United	1935	Young, A. W.	1	285	167	148	95	0	8	26	3	34	22			1	3	6	1	4	1	13	114		19	1	8	45	49		1		
*20	South Sioux City	First	1920	de Freese, L. H.	1	584	316	212	94	0	30	23	4	22	5	13	1	2	1	3	6		1	23	225		50	2	21	110	38		2	1	
21	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1858	Teckhaus, H. A.	1	169	83	50	30	8	5	10	1	4	11							5	1	8	58		5	1	1	8			1	1	
22	Vacoma	St. John's	1893	Alexander, W. W.	1	84	67	57	17	2				9		3			1				1	4	40									1
23	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Heidenreich, W. C.	1	558	399	228	90	20	5			17	2				4	6		2	1	18	119		16				29				14
*24	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	610	355	345	370	2	17			18	7		2	11	6	7	8	12	1	25	261		54				18		2	5	
25	Snyder	Immanuel		Young, A. W.																														
		Conference Total			24	15763	10977	6525	5101	90	380	196	69	404	189	96	12	126	85	113	103	155	23	546	4945	52	678	14	154	952	666	7	1	26	165
	South Platte Coference																																	
1	Auburn	St. Paul's	1884	Haugse, E. N.	1	409	267	190		23	1	5	3	14	6	7		5	1	7		1	20	156		11	1	6	78	20		1	2	
2	Beatrice	Trinity	1883	Saas, W. H.	1	245	187	119	89	23	5	1	1		6				1	2		4	1	17	95	10	16	1	3	32	11			1	
3	Benedict	Zion	1881	Mortensen, E. C.	1	288	202	124			7			3			1		1	1		2	1	22	103	3	15				7				
4	Davenport	Christ's	1892	Dumler, H.	1	504	292	216		10	7	5	4	12		4		1	5	4	2		1	33	208						12		3		
5	Eagle	Trinity	1893	Rangeler, R. E.	1	67	51	44	35	16	2		3						1				1	12	60						20		3		
* 6	Falls City	St. Paul's	1913	Cordts, H. C.	1	794	531	510	378		15	12	18	34	27	14				4	8		1	20	295										
* 7	Hampton	Emmanuel	1916	Joens, H.	1	134	100	68	35	10	1									2	60	1	1	13	120		6								
* 8	Hardy	St. Paul's	1881	Vacant	1	224	122	74	60														1	38	290		25	1	4	40					
* 9	Lincoln	Grace	1890	Rubrecht, G. K.	1	800	687	479	325	00	26	25	12	25	21	32	1	16	8	11	42	12	1	16	104		3				24				
10	Linco'n	St. James'	1925	Rangeler, R. E.	1	97	90	65	38	24		4			5					3			1	15	60		10				15				
11	McCool Junction	First	1900	Chittenden, W. J.	1	233	159	74			1	4			1	40				1	1	1	1	15	60		13				7				
12	Nebraska City	First	1866	Schuldt, T. J. C.	1	277	188	108		25	5	10	1		6					4			1	18	90		20				13		2		
13	Rising City	First	1881	Tranberg, C. P.	1	336	240	160	160	5	3			7						1		18	1	16	170										
14	Stel'a	Trinity	1884	Miller, J. C.	1	53	41	26		8													1	5	28										
15	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Miller, J. C.	1	258	188	133		18				11	6					5			1	14	144			1	4	28	11			1	
16	Walton	Grace	1916	Rangeler, R. E.	1	158	133	82	67	12		3	1		2				1	2	8		1	8	36										
*17	Wilber	First	1889	Vacant	1	212	101	55			1			2													11				6				2
18	York	First	1927	Simon, M. B.	1	264	181	107	49	10	2	2			3	1		2	2	11		2	1	16	85										
		Conference Total			18	5283	3760	2634	1236	84	76	71	43	108	83	98	2	24	30	64	112	48	17	288	2102	13	130	4	17	174	146		9	65	
	Western Conference																																	
1	Broadwater	United	1934	Rohlfing, E. F.	1	146	101	89	89	50	6		6	1	4	1		4	1	1	1	1	1	12	86		9	1	6	84	12		1		
2	Dalton	Trinity	1930	Rhine, J. S.	1	156	100	82	50		3		2	3		15			2	10	36	2	1	10	50		20				14	1	1		
3	Ericson	First	1898	Wharton, P. C. (Supply)	1	33	21	12			1								1	1		1	1										2	9
4	Grand Island	St. Paul's	1882	Harman, C. B.	1	1902	1245	800	950	200	45		27	46	3	3	1	5	4	7	10		1	55	390		75	1	4	45				2	1
5	Gurley	Grace	1916	Rhine, J. S.	1	155	107	80	50		4		2	4	5		60	2	5	17		1	1	12	80						17				
* 6	Hildreth	St. Paul's	1927	Gilmer, E. H.	1	255	181	100		18	10			4	4			5			4	1	1	14	65		17				15			1	
7	Lewellen	Grace	1906	Alexander, C. M.	1	214	120	61		40	16	7		1	3	4			1	1		8	1	15	102		17				17				
* 8	North Platte	First	1880	Mendenhall, A. L. (Associate)	1	1188	835	503	296	75	43	9	10	26	30		1	6	6		21	1	30	290	30	54	1	9	74	29		1	13	
9	Oshkosh	St. Mark's	1906	Flora, G. R.	1	185	117	69	60	300	10	3	14	19	6	1	2	18		4	4	4	2	15	150		12							2	
10	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Davis, R. V.	1	313	223	142	125	20	8			2	20					1			1	1	3	24									
11	Potter	First	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	93	48	23	20	8	4															7	11				13				
12	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	320	156	129	71	47	4	4	3	5	4			3	4	2	13	5	1	13											
13	Spencer	United	1930	Vacant	1	325	200	103		28	22		12	12	5	4				3		2	1	16	122		18	1	7	52					
*14	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Henriksen, H.	1	212	162	116	71	42	4			12		1					27	2	1	3	23		9				2			1	
15	Sutherland	Grace	1902	Mendenhall, A. L.	1	75	44	12	26	6	7					2			2	1		1		10	63						23			4
16	Wo'bach	Trinity	1903	Wharton, P. C. (Supply)	1	339	251	142	46		13		13	19		2																		
		Conference Total			16	5911	3911	2463	1854	32	200	23	91	173	59	37	4	97	27	46	109	55	16	234	1844	41	342	5	30	285	189	1	1	7	30
		Synodical Total 1937			58	26957	18648	11622	8191	06	656	290	203	684	331	231	18	247	142	223	324	258	56	1068	8681	126	1050	23	161	1411	981	8	1	43	284
		Synodical Total 1936			58	26880	17888	11630	7608	04	625	271	202	694	340	247	23	257	188	195	417	234	58	983	8979	141	1126	21	131	1163	753	11	1	44	244
		Synodical Total 1931			54	19727	13521	9396			791	258	218	757	254	339	23	600	113	247	1460	271	55	1007	8713	67	980	17	101	1010	979	5	1	63	152

*Reports Late

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SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIA																				Summary	
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp.			Congregational Benevolence											
	Men's		Women's		Young People												Apportioned			Unapportioned								
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church Edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Mission	Home Mission	Inner Mission	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned Benevolence	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	1	24	3	130	1	25	15000	4000				19000	950	1205	217	1422											1422
2			2	14	2	30	7500	4000				11500	2900	835	477	1312	147		89	2	4		20	70	96	243	1555
3	1	18	1	22			15000	2000				17000		1368		168	150		330	3			113	47	163	313	1681
4			2	15			6500			163		6663		7		7	5		15	1		2	16	12	31	38	43
5	1	35	2	29	3	50	25000	5000				30000	997	1765	146	1911	350		230	36	80	44	83	35	278	628	2539
6	1	34	4	165	7	247	100000	7000				107000	37665	4028	3643	7671	944		644	57	107		190	300	654	1598	9269
7			1	20	1	18	6500	2400				8900	115	1334	85	1419	48		408				9		9	57	1476
8			3	75	2	44	15000	5000				20000	958	2220		2220	277		611	5			36	70	111	388	2608
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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA HELD FEBRUARY 8, 1938, IN SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH AT FREMONT, NEBRASKA

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska convened in Special Session in Salem Lutheran Church at Fremont, Nebraska, the Rev. F. C. Wiegman, pastor, at 10 a. m., Tuesday, February 8, 1938.

The Preparatory and Holy Communion Services were in charge of the President, Secretary and pastor loci. Ninety-two pastors and laymen communed.

President J. C. Hershey conducted the Formal Opening of the Special Session at 11:10 a. m.

A motion carried to approve the recommendation of the Executive Committee that the expenses of the pastors and lay-delegates be paid from the Synodical Treasury.

The Roll of Synod was called, 46 pastors and 30 laymen being present.

A motion carried that Mr. J. F. Smith of Grace Lutheran Church, Omaha, be received as an official delegate to this Special Session of Synod.

Dr. Gould Wickey, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education of the United Lutheran Church in America, was introduced to Synod and given the privilege of the floor.

The Rev. C. J. Naugle, assistant to Dr. Walter H. Traub, was introduced to Synod.

The Rev. W. A. Klink, Chairman of the Trustees representing the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska on the Midland College Board, presented the special order of business for the Session.

Three plans for carrying out the Jubilee Campaign for Midland College were presented.

A motion carried that we adjourn at 12:15 p. m. and convene again at 1:15 p. m.

The Session adjourned at 12:17 p. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. W. A. Voss and Dr. P. W. H. Frederick.

SESSION TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Special Session of Synod re-convened at 1:28 p. m. Prayers were offered by the Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt and the Rev. A. H. Pinkall.

A motion was made and seconded that Plan No. 3 as suggested by the Executive Committee be used to carry out the Jubilee Campaign for Midland College in